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HSIN WAH INQUEST.

OFFICERS OF HAINING GIVE EVIDENCE.

WOULD NOT HAVE PICKED UP S.O.S. NO-ONE BEING ON DUTY.

LAUNCHING OF BOATS.

Somewhat remarkable evidence to the effect that the s.s. Haining could not have picked up an S.O.S. message on the night of the Hsin Wah disaster, had one been broadcast, was given at the resumed inquest this morning, concerning the sinking of the China Merchants' steamer.

It was stated by the Second Officer that the Haining's wireless operators went off duty at 10 p.m. until the following morning.

The Chief Officer and Second Officer both testified that no very lights were observed in the region of Waglan, though the Haining was close at hand at the time of the wreck, but they disagreed regarding the prospects of launching lifeboats in the seas that were running.

Police evidence was brought to show that messages received at the Water Police Station in the early morning did not indicate either that the Hsin Wah was sinking, or had sunk.

POLICE LAUNCH WIRELESS DELAY.

Mr. T.W.H. Hosegood, master, mariner, the Assistant Harbour Master, stated that at 11.30 on the morning of the Hsin Wah disaster, he went out in No. 4 Police launch, proceeding by way of Lamma Channel to Waglan. The weather was very bad.

Examined by the jury, witness stated that No. 4 Police launch was not fit to go out in a monsoon, nor for that matter, was any other police launch. Sub-Inspector Boucher, the officer in charge, had passed a test for local navigation only, was an efficient officer for his ordinary work, which was that of patrolling the waters of the Colony, and witness was satisfied that he was competent to handle a craft under ordinary conditions. As for the coxswain he held the ordinary coxswain's certificate for harbour work.

The No. 4 Police launch was 105 feet long, with a skylight and big ventilators. It had two guns. Its stability was not questioned.

Many Dead Bodies.

On approaching the wreck he saw a number of dead bodies. Some of them were almost alongside while all had the heads submerged.

By the jury: For the reason that their heads were all submerged, he was perfectly satisfied that they were dead. The launch was not fit under the weather conditions then obtaining, for search work.

The jury:—When did you get your information regarding the wreck?

Witness:—At about 9.30 from Commander Hale.

In reply to another question from the jury, witness said that one of the primary objects of his going out in the launch was to locate the wreck and, of course, to save life. He stayed in the vicinity for probably two hours, after which he had to get in again since he did not consider it safe to remain out.

The launch carried nothing beyond its ordinary equipment. There was a life-belt for everybody on board, as well as a number of life-buoys. The launch also carried a gig and dinghy. Bed accommodation was provided for the crew, and if required it could, of course, have carried a lot of people packed away.

Small Chance for Boats.

Mr. M. M. Watson, for the China Merchants:—Under the circumstances as you describe, I imagine it was extremely difficult, if not impossible, to launch any boat from the wrecked ship? It would have only been a bit of luck.

Once the boats were launched, their chances of getting away in that sea were very small?—Very small indeed.

That would apply to any kind of ordinary ship's lifeboats?—Yes, any ordinary standard lifeboats.

Needless to say, their chances on a raft would be still less?

They chances on a raft would be very poor indeed.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that it had not been established how many lifeboats got away from the wreck.

Divers Being Sent Down.

Mr. Watson informed his Worship that two divers had been sent down with the view to determining how many lifeboats, if any, had been left behind with the wreck at the days. The weather was rough, had been rough since the wreck, and it had not been hitherto possible for the divers to proceed with the work.

Mr. E. W. Lawson, Second Officer of the Douglas ship Haining, the next witness, stated that his ship left Swatow at 4.45 p.m. on the 15th, the Hsin Wah having already left the harbour.

He was on watch between midnight and 4 on the following morning. At 3.55 he picked up the Waglan Light, the ship being then 15 or 16 miles east of the Light.

Would Not See Rockets.

The Coroner:—If any distress rockets were sent up at that time, would you be able to see them while still west of Waglan?

Witness:—I don't think so.

Witness said that on sighting the Light, the speed was reduced from 13½ knots to 10 knots, so that by 4.30 a.m. he must have been still 10 miles off Waglan. At that distance he would have noticed rockets if they had gone up to any height, but if they were up behind the Lighthouse, the glare from the Light would obscure and make them more difficult of detection. After four o'clock the watch was taken over by the Chief Officer.

Wireless Men Off Duty.

By the Coroner:—The ship carried two wireless operators, but unless special instructions came from the Captain, they would not be on duty at night, knocking off at 10 p.m. until the following morning. So if the sinking of the Hsin Wah had been broadcast round about 5 o'clock, it would not have been picked up by the Haining.

Witness reported that weather conditions obtaining that morning, to be:—Strong breeze, rough choppy sea, overcast and hazy horizon.

By the Coroner:—He thought that probably a ship's lifeboat could have been successfully launched, if launched to the lee of Waglan. By the jury:—An ordinary lifeboat, provided that it was properly handled and not overloaded, could get away after launching even on that sea.

By the Coroner:—He picked up the Waglan Light 30 minutes later than he had expected to.

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HONGKONG BANK SWINDLED?

RANGOON MERCHANT ON TRIAL.

THREE BANKS LOSE TOTAL OF £643,000.

OVERDRAFT EVIDENCE.

Rangoon papers to hand give details of the preliminary trial of Keng Beng-choung, a partner in the Beng Huat Company, rice merchants, who was recently arrested on a warrant issued at the instance of the Netherlands Bank, Lloyd's Bank, and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on an allegation that he cheated them to the extent of 78 lakhs of rupees.

The banks mentioned applied to the High Court on September 7th last to have the Bank Huat firm adjudicated insolvent, and when the case was heard the Netherlands Bank claimed to be a creditor to the extent of £370,000 (50 lakhs of rupees), Lloyd's Bank to the extent of £240,000 (32 lakhs) and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to the extent of £33,000 (4½ lakhs of rupees).

The trial of the accused took place before Mr. M. S. Collis, District Magistrate. Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Clark prosecuted and Mr. de Glanville and Mr. Patker defended.

Huge Deficiency.

In his opening statement, Mr. McDonnell said accused had been carrying on extensive business in the rice trade for the past many years. The enormous extent of the operations could be gauged from the fact that his debts had been put at Rs. 60,000,000. Actual deficiency between assets and liabilities was Rs. 60,000,000. Accused raised money from various banks. He obtained advances from the Netherlands Bank, the Hongkong Bank and Lloyd's Bank.

He gave these banks documents known as delivery orders. Also with two of the Banks he deposited a letter of hypothecation. By this means, he raised enormous funds and at one time the outstanding against him in the Netherlands Bank totalled something like one crore; with Lloyd's 35 lakhs and with Hongkong 6 lakhs. Representations were made that these delivery orders whose title deeds were held by the Banks, represented rice actually in stock. On the security of these orders large overdrafts were allowed to accused. Counsel said he would emphasise that fact all the more, because accused had in his public examination in the insolvency proceedings suggested that these delivery orders were not made over as security.

Books Destroyed?

Counsel would call evidence to establish that shortly before insolvency proceedings commenced a lorry load of books were removed from accused's office and subsequently destroyed. An officer from the Official Assignee's office caught him in the act of destroying books.

Mr. de Glanville protested and said that they were there to defend themselves of the charge of cheating and now the prosecution charged them with destruction of books. To him it appeared that to make a statement of that kind under the guise of an opening address was unfair.

Bank Agent's Evidence.

Mr. P. B. Rickett, Agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, giving evidence, said they allowed credit to Messrs. Beng Huat and Company on the security of the shipping bills of various consignments. Accused saw witness and said that he desired to have facilities for more overdrafts as he wished to do bigger business. Witness told him that he had to refer the matter to the Head Office.

In July, witness found the accused's account was overdrawn and so he sent for accused and asked witness when credits would be coming through from Europe. Accused told him that they would be coming forward shortly. But the credits did not arrive. Witness had another interview with accused who voluntarily produced delivery orders as security. During his agency in Rangoon he had never been in the habit of advancing money.

BYRD FINDS A NEW ISLAND.

REPORT OF DISCOVERY TO NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 28.

Commander Byrd, who is now engaged on his Antarctic Expedition in earnest, has sent a wireless message to the New York Times in which he states that during a flight yesterday above King Edward VII Land he discovered a new island and fourteen peaks.—Reuter.

STEAMER CRASHES IN CHANNEL.

VALIANT SALVAGE ATTEMPT BY DOVER TUGS.

DUTCH VESSEL'S PERIL.

London, Jan. 28.

A drama of the sea was enacted in the English Channel to-day, when valiant efforts were made to save a Dutch steamer that had been badly holed in a collision.

Tugs from Dover answered the vessel's calls for assistance and endeavoured to tow her into harbour. The steamer was too badly holed, and as she was in imminent danger of sinking had to be beached.

The steamer involved was the s.s. Muraiko, on her way to Holland from the Dutch East Indies with a large cargo and many passengers.

The Channel was shrouded in dense fog, and the vessel came in

THE KING.

Spends Comfortable Day: Progress Continues.

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

London, Jan. 28.

No bulletin regarding the King's health was issued from Buckingham Palace, and it is understood that the slow progress continues. His Majesty spent a comfortable day. As soon as the King is well enough, the postponed New Year Honours will be submitted to him, and official quarters are of opinion that the list will be issued some time next month.—British Wireless.

collision with an unknown steamer about eight miles east of Dungeness. The Muraiko was extensively damaged forward, and her forehold and fore-peaks were rapidly flooded. Dover tugs that raced to her assistance endeavoured to reach Dover, but the Muraiko settled down so dangerously, that it was finally decided to beach her between Hythe and Sandgate.

The crew have remained on board, and efforts to tow her in will be resumed tomorrow.—Reuter.

NEW BUILDING FOR U.S. CONSULATE.

\$1,500,000 FOR SHANGHAI PREMISES.

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

An American Government architect, Mr. Trumble, has just arrived in Shanghai in connection with the construction of a new U.S. Consulate Building.

It is stated that Congress has voted the sum of \$1,500,000 for the construction of a magnificent building to house their diplomatic representatives.—Our Own Correspondent.

NEW-FOUND CHEMICAL ELEMENT.

SHANGHAI RESEARCH TO PRODUCE MORE.

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

Dr. Aristid Gross, a well-known chemical research worker, is actively engaged at a Shanghai laboratory, in an attempt to produce larger quantities of the newly obtained element "91," or protactinium.

Only fifty milligrammes of this element has hitherto been produced. Our Own Correspondent.

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QUEEN'S THEATRE PARKING.

POLICE TO PUT STOP TO PRACTICE.

FIRST OWNER CHARGED IS MERELY WARNED.

BUSINESS OBJECTION.

An important case affecting the parking of cars in the *cui de sac* between the Queen's Theatre and China Building came before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistrate's court this morning, when Li Shuk-ki, the owner of private car No. 311, was summoned for causing an obstruction by parking his car there.

According to the evidence of an Indian policeman, the car was parked in the road for 20 minutes and was unattended.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, who appeared for the defendant and also represented the Hongkong Automobile Association, said that according to his instructions the car was parked at the place for about ten minutes while the defendant went to see a doctor. As his Worship knew, the parking of cars was very difficult in the middle of the day and there was no handy place where the defendant could leave his car.

No Obstruction.

The road was a *cui de sac* and the car was certainly not obstructing anybody.

His Worship remarked that it was not an authorised parking place.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.S.P., stated that he had received very serious complaints from the businesses in the street that their shopfronts were obstructed by cars parked in the road. This interfered with business. For that reason the police had to move cars away. There was also a very serious fire brigade objection.

Mr. Hodgson said that he quite appreciated Mr. Wolfe's views but it had been the practice for dozens of cars to park there for hours at a time.

Recognised Parking Place.

Everybody recognised the road as a parking place although it was not actually such a place. Mr. Hodgson added that if Mr. Wolfe now said that cars were not allowed to park there, no doubt he would issue notices to that effect as the matter was one of importance to the Automobile Association.

His Worship remarked that he had a long list of cases to deal with and suggested the matter be adjourned, but Mr. Hodgson said that as there was not very much to deal with perhaps the matter could be met by issuing a warning to the defendant.

His Worship concurred in this view and Mr. Wolfe expressed his agreement.

Report Sufficient.

Mr. Hodgson requested permission to ask Mr. Wolfe to issue some kind of notice to car drivers, to which he replied that it was difficult to spend large sums of money in advertising the notice. The matter, would, no doubt, be advertised in the newspapers as a result of the case.

Mr. Wolfe appeared as the complainant in a case in which the Chinese driver of motor car No. 868 was summoned for sounding his horn unnecessarily.

The C.S.P. stated that he saw the car travelling along Arbuthnot Road, between the Magistrate's and the goal quarters. There was no other car in sight but in spite of that the defendant continuously tooted his horn.

A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Negligent Driving.

Mr. C. Arnulphy appeared to answer two summonses. One was for driving his car in a negligent manner on January 15 and the other was for failing to have proper lights.

Serjt. George stated that the defendant drove at a speed of 28 m.p.h. from Queen's Theatre to the Ko Shing Theatre.

The defendant, who admitted both summonses, said it was due to an oversight that the car was not carrying proper lights.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on the first summons and \$5 on the second.

DARING SHANGHAI ROBBERY.

RUSSIAN SMASHES WINDOW IN DAYLIGHT.

SENNET FRERES CASE.

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

As a sequel to a dramatic daylight robbery attempt a few days ago when a Russian tried the well-known "smash and snatch" trick at the premises of Messrs. Sennet Freres, the man appeared in the Provisional Court this morning, a sentence of four years' hard labour being imposed.

The man ran up to the window of Messrs. Sennet Freres, smashed the glass with a brick in broad daylight, and attempted to steal some of the jewellery exhibited. He actually secured hold of jewellery valued at \$25,000, according to the story of Mr. Levy, the manager of the Shanghai branch, who stated that he ran out of the premises and intercepted the robber in the nick of time.

The belief was expressed during the trial that the prisoner was a member of a large gang of Russians operating in Shanghai in burglarious exploits.—Our Own Correspondent.

NIGHT CLUB QUEEN BREAKS DOWN.

TEARS DURING THE POLICE BRIBERY TRIAL.

EMPHATIC DENIALS.

London, Jan. 28.

There were distressing scenes at the Old Bailey to-day when the trial of ex-Sergeant Goddard on a charge of receiving bribes, and Mrs. Meyrick, the notorious Night Club Queen, and Ribuffi, on charges of giving bribes to Goddard, was continued.

Mrs. Meyrick went into the witness-box to-day to give evidence in her own defence. She broke down during the proceedings and wept bitterly when questioned regarding the conduct of her club in Gerrard Street after she left prison, to which she had been committed after many breaches of the regulations.

Mrs. Meyrick declared that she had never given Goddard money and that she had never bribed anybody.

The other defendant, Ribuffi, at a previous hearing also denied that he ever paid money to Goddard. He went so far as to say that he had never met the former Police Sergeant until this case.

Goddard throughout has strenuously denied the charges, accounting for his possession of £18,000 by saying that he made it in business and in speculation.—Reuter.

MISS THOMPSON'S MURDERER.

SHANGHAI POLICE MAKE A NEW ARREST.

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

It is learned that the Municipal Police have effected the arrest of a Chinese who is believed to be a member of a notorious outlaw gang, and the actual slayer of Miss Dorothy Thompson.

The crime will be well remembered. Miss Thompson and Mr. Dudley Law were attacked by robbers in a lonely street, and both were shot. Miss Thompson was killed outright, and Mr. Law recovered almost miraculously.—Our Own Correspondent.

LUNGKOW MUTINY SENSATION.

PERSISTENT RUMOURS OF GENERAL'S MURDER.

Shanghai, Jan. 28.

It is persistently rumoured that the mutinous troops at Lungkow have defeated the forces of General Liu Chen-nien, and that the latter was caught by the rebels at Chesofo and assassinated.

No confirmation of the story has been received.

Japanese nationals at Lungkow are safe, and Japanese Marines have now landed at the port.

AFGHAN TROUBLE DEVELOPING?

AMANULLAH READY TO FIGHT.

HABIBULLAH PROCLAIMED AS AMIR.

COMMONS QUESTIONS.

New Delhi, Jan. 28.

Events in Afghanistan appear to be moving rapidly, for the latest news shows that Amanullah has decided to make an effort to regain his kingdom, while Habibullah has for the first time proclaimed himself Amir of Afghanistan.

The official proclamation was made on Friday last week, Habibullah declaring himself to be Amir of Afghanistan and "The Religious Prophet of God."

His ensign was hoisted on the 25th, and Habibullah attended prayers at the Mosque, being accompanied by a Royal Escort.

In the meantime, the powerful Kandahar on Thursday at Kandahar selected Amanullah as their King.—Reuter.

No Imminent Danger.

So far as is known in London there is no reason to believe that foreigners in Kabul are in any imminent danger. The question of providing facilities for the evacuation of foreign males, should this become necessary, has for some time been under the constant consideration of the British Minister, and circumstances may at any moment oblige the Government of India to concert arrangements for proceeding with this task.

In a telegram to the Central Caliphate Committee, Sir Denys Bray, the Foreign Secretary of the Government of India, has expressed the Government's inability to grant passports for Afghanistan to deputations of the Committee.

Non-Interference.

After drawing attention to the condition of civil war prevailing in Afghanistan, the impossibility of roads and the dangers to life and property, Sir Denys Bray adds that in view of the necessity for the scrupulous observance of non-interference in Afghan internal affairs, the Government of India has been compelled to suspend the issue of passports to Afghanistan generally, and to withhold permits to cross the Indian frontier from all but Afghan subjects.

A question was asked in the House of Commons to-day why the Government of India on two separate occasions provided aerial transport for two ex-Kings of Afghanistan.

Both Parties.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the ex-King, Inayatullah was conveyed in a British aeroplane from Kabul to Peshawar, and by rail from Peshawar to Chaman whence he re-entered Afghanistan at the request of the British Minister at Kabul, of the ex-King himself and of the Amir Habibullah who asked the British Minister to arrange with the Government of India for this to be done in order that further bloodshed at Kabul might be avoided.

The ex-King's departure was followed by the peaceful surrender of the citadel.

Transport by air was neither requested by, nor provided for, King Amanullah.

Further questioned, Sir Austen Chamberlain said the Indian Government had carefully refrained from any interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan, but being asked by both parties to give facilities for the removal of King Inayatullah, in order to avoid bloodshed they thought it right to do so.—British Wireless.

Amanullah Resuming.

Bombay, Jan. 28.

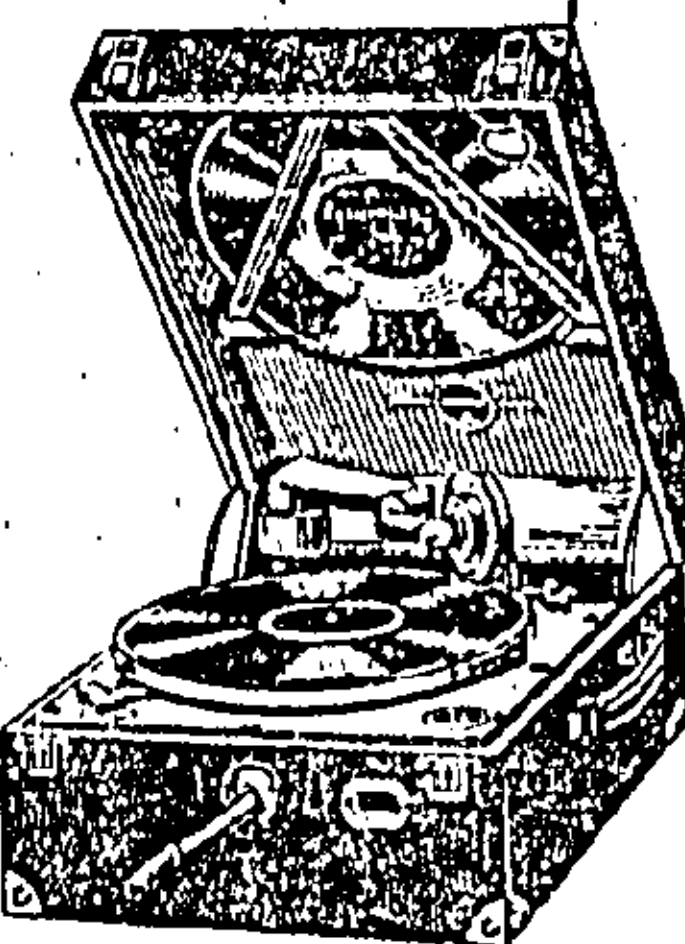
The Afghan Consulate at Bombay announces that Amanullah, at the earnest request of the people of Kandahar, Farah, Herat, Mazarihar, Maimana and Kataghan, has again accepted the reins of Government.

Great national activities have been started at those centres, with Kandahar as headquarters.—Reuter.

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A.S.P. ENTERTAINED.

KHALSA DIWAN PARTY TO MR. MOHINDER SINGH.

The members of the Khalsa Diwan and other representatives of the Sikh Community and of the Sindhi merchants gave a tea-party in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel yesterday afternoon, in honour of their President, Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh, one of the two newly-created Indian Assistant Superintendents of Police. Speeches were made congratulating Mr. Mohinder Singh on his promotion, and dwelling on the satisfaction which this has accorded to the community.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police), Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C. I. E. (Deputy Superintendent), Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence), Mr. D. Burlingham (Assistant Superintendent) and other officers of the Hongkong Police Force, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, Mr. H. Green (Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department), Mr. J. W. Franks (Superintendent of Prisons), and their ladies.

Mr. Bishen Singh, who presided, welcomed the C. S. P. and others present. He said the purpose of the gathering was to offer heartfelt congratulations to Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh on his recent promotion to the rank of A.S.P. Mr. Mohinder Singh had been a member of the committee of the Khalsa Diwan for almost 20 years, and during this long period served the Diwan in various capacities, such as Secretary and President, and he was President of the Diwan for the present year. He had also been on the committee of the Indian Recreation Club for a number of years, and was now Vice President.

The particular reason for the Khalsa Diwan to congratulate him publicly was that it was for the first time in the history of Hongkong that Indians had been appointed to the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh was one of them.

In Former Years.

"I am sure it will not only be a matter of pleasure but also of pride to his people in India to hear of his promotion. I may, by the way, say here that some of his relations are holding very important posts in Patiala state, one of them, Sirdar Bachittar Singh, being a Judge, and the other, Sirdar Bhagwan Singh, an Inspector of schools in that state. I might mention here that in the old days about the year 1900 the highest rank for an Indian in the Police Force of the Colony was that of Sergeant Major. Some years later, I think in the time of the late Sir Henry Myn, the rank of Jemadar was created. Later, as the Force increased, higher ranks were added, the rank of Jemadar being changed into that of Inspector, which made room for appointing two Sub-Inspectors. But the present promotion of the two senior Indian Officers, Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh and Khan Sahib Nawab Khan, to the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police, which was quite unexpected, is due to the appreciative faculty of the Hon. Mr. Wolfe, and therefore we all have to thank Mr. Wolfe for affording the Khalsa Diwan this opportunity of welcoming you all here to-day."

He added that the Indian section of the Police Force in Hongkong could now pride itself on having two Assistant Superintendents of Police, two Inspectors, two Sub-Inspectors and four Sergeant Majors, whereas there was but one Sergeant Major in the entire Indian Police Force of the Colony in 1900. This they owed to the capable administration of Mr. Wolfe and his other able officers. He added:

"On behalf of the Khalsa Diwan I take this opportunity of tendering our thanks to the Hon. Mr. Wolfe for recommending Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh and Khan Sahib Nawab Khan, and His Excellency the Governor for his approval of these appointments. In

OBITUARY.

KOWLOON NAVAL YARD EMPLOYEE.

The death occurred shortly after midnight on Sunday morning of Mr. Thomas Henry Gosden, a clerk employed in the Torpedo Depot of the Royal Naval Yard, Kowloon.

The late Mr. Gosden who was 54 years of age was a very popular member of the Kowloon community and although he was only transferred to Hongkong from Home about eighteen months ago, he had a large circle of friends both in the Naval Yard and outside it. A short time ago he was in hospital suffering from abdominal trouble but was discharged after a brief rest. He again fell a victim to the complaint and passed away shortly after midnight on Sunday morning, leaving a widow to mourn his death.

There was a large attendance at the funeral which took place at the Protestant Cemetery yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Hewitt officiating.

Among those present were Capt. W. H. Mitchell (Torpedo Engineer Officer), Messrs. E. J. Gill, W. C. Noice, F. Oliver, F. Foale, W. E. Nicholson, C. House, W. T. Hughes, C. Bennett, W. J. P. Blackford, and many others. Wreaths were sent by Commodore R. A. S. Hill; European Staff, Torpedo Depot; Chinese Chemical Staff, Torpedo Sub Depot; Chinese Staff Torpedo Workshop; His Colleagues, Admiralty; London; Chief Engineer and Officers, H. M. Dockyard; Royal Naval Yard Police; The Agreement Employees Association; H. M. Naval Yard; Staff of the Royal Naval Armament Depot, Arsenal Yard; Royal Dockyard Recreation Club; Kowloon Football Club; Diocesan Girls' School; European Officers and Staff; Naval Store Office; C. S. C.A.; Members and Commanders Department, Naval Yard; Expense Accounts Staff, and many others.

conclusion: I take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to you, sir, for the innumerable services rendered to the Khalsa Diwan by you. The Diwan likewise owes gratitude to your predecessors and other officers concerned who have been similarly useful. To the Diwan your services have been so valuable, that your name will always be remembered with great respect and gratitude."

On behalf of the Khalsa Diwan, he tendered to Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh the warmest congratulations on his promotion, and the same to Khan Sahib Nawab Khan. (Applause).

The C. S. P.'s Reply.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe said he heartily endorsed all that had fallen from the lips of Mr. Bishen Singh. It was a curious fact that many of them connected with the Hongkong Civil Service, and who were present there were practically contemporaneous to one another. In the case of Mr. Mohinder Singh, they had both joined, if not almost on the same day then in the same part of the year. As he had previously remarked, on the last occasion when they had kindly entertained him in that same hall, a great deal in a force like that of the Hongkong Police depended on the officers, and a great deal of the efficiency of the Indian Force depended on its officers.

He thought that they would all agree with him that with a large force numbering some 700 men, they surely must have two Indian officers of commissioned rank; and it was on that account, and also on account of the splendid services of both these officers who were there, that he recommended to His Excellency the Governor that the time had come for them to be promoted to commissioned rank. His Excellency was pleased to approve.

The present promotion was the outcome of over 30 years devoted service to the Hongkong Government. He would also like to thank Mr. Mohinder Singh for his services as President of the Khalsa

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A NAVAL REVIEW.

SIR REGINALD TYRWHITT'S FAREWELL TO STATION.

The Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., is to review a Naval Brigade at Happy Valley on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

The review will be made up as follows:

Brigade Commander, Captain Leveson Gower, of H.M.S. Cornwall.

No. 1 Battalion will consist of ratings H.M.S. Kent, H.M.S. Cornwall and H.M.S. Suffolk.

No. 2 Battalion, ratings from H.M.S. Hermes, the Fourth Submarine Flotilla, Eighth Destroyer Flotilla and Sloops.

No. 3 Battalion, Royal Marines of all ships present.

The Stewards of the Jockey Club have kindly placed the members' grandstand at the disposal of naval and military officers and their friends who wish to witness the review.

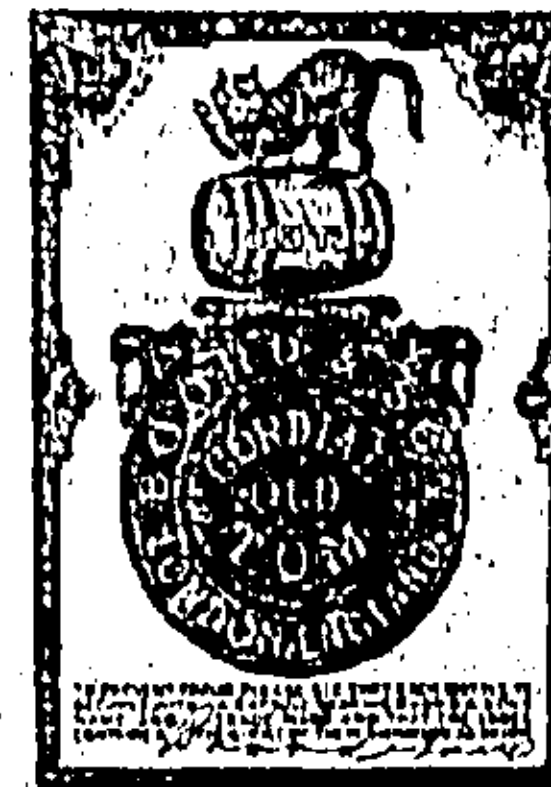
Spectators should be in their places by 9.50 a.m. The review commences at 10 a.m. and will probably be over by about 11.30.

Diwan. Through all that time, Mohinder Singh had stood loyally by the Government, assisting it in settling difficult questions connected with his community.

He would now like to join Mr. Bishen Singh in expressing congratulations on Mr. Mohinder Singh's promotion, and he would take the opportunity to thank Mr. Bishen Singh for the flattering references to himself. He should like also to thank the Council of the Khalsa Diwan for asking them to be there on that auspicious occasion. (Applause).

Mr. Mohinder Singh, in responding said he could not find adequate words with which to express his thanks for the honour bestowed on him that, after noon by the Khalsa Diwan. His services to the Khalsa Diwan had hardly, he thought, made him deserving of this honour. His promotion was due to the efforts of the Hon. Mr. Wolfe, their popular Captain Superintendent of Police.

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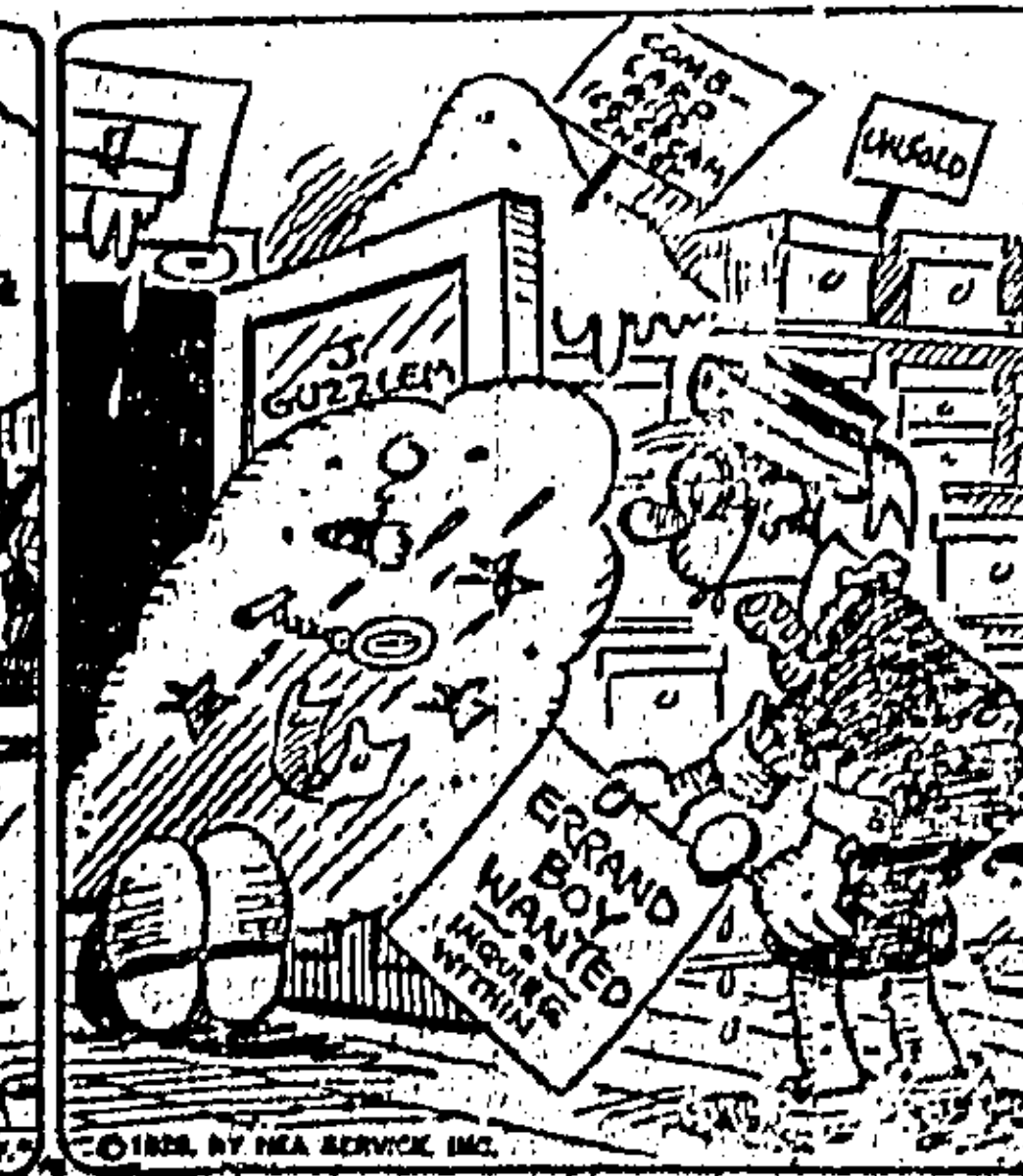
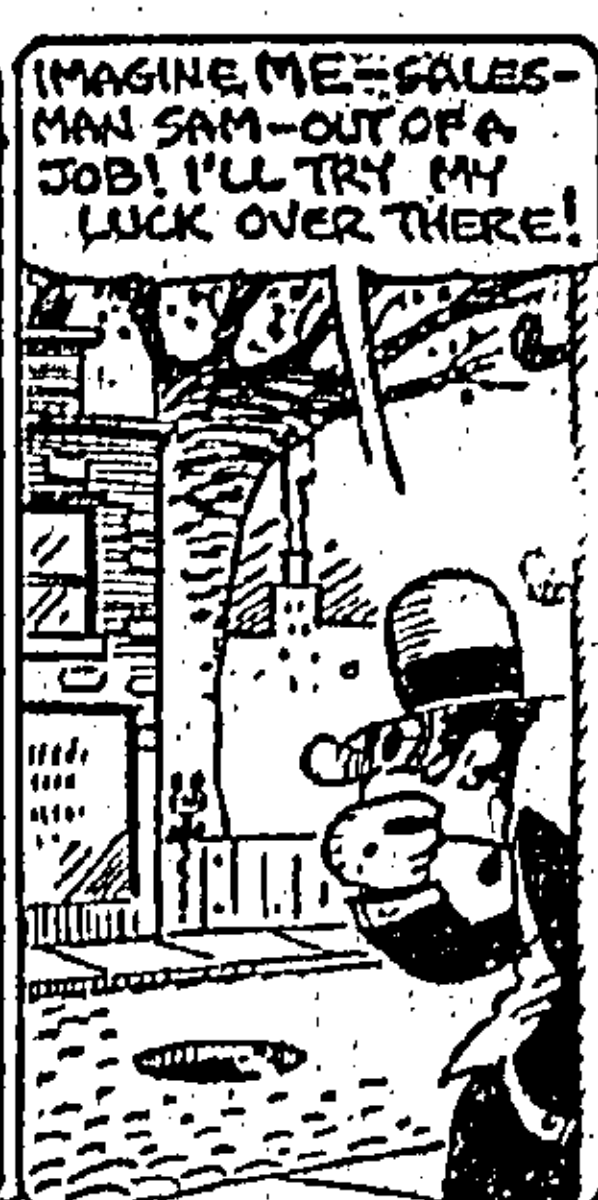
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Sir Stanley Hewitt, who has been in constant attendance on the King and is now unwell.



A pretty Dickens tableau by Shanghai children on Saturday.



An action picture showing some of the riders at a recent Shanghai paper hunt in the act of jumping one of the many ditches.



Group taken after the wedding of Prof. Hsueh, of Nanking University, and Miss Y. Chan, a Shanghai school teacher.



Formerly Miss Tony Tuttleman, our picture shows Mrs. Clarence Wayne Hood, who was married in Shanghai recently.



Pictures taken at the enthronement of Dr. Cosmo Lang as Archbishop of Canterbury.



King Neptune holding sway on board the U. S. S. Maryland during President-Elect Hoover's goodwill tour. Mr. Hoover having crossed the line roughly 20 times before was an old member.

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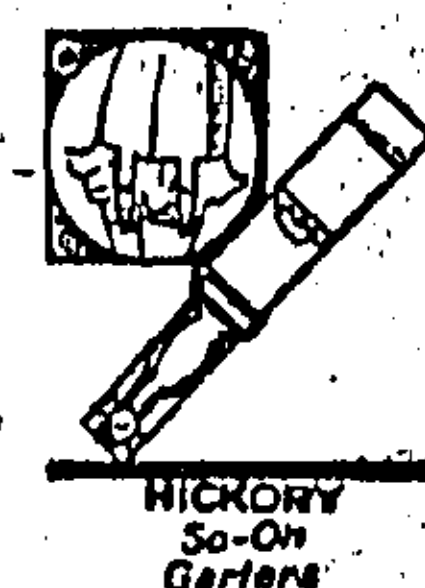
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W. B. FINNIGAN,
Registrar.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1929.

NOTICE.

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HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Society will be held on Friday, 1st February, in St. John's Cathedral Hall, at 5.30 p.m.

Mr. R. Sutherland, O.B.E.
in the Chair.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on Thursday the 31st January, 1929, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd January to 31st January 1929, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Manager.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Friday, the 8th February, 1929, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 31st January to Friday, 8th February, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1929.

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MAY, 1929.

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HONG KONG REALTY & TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinance of Hong Kong.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building, (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 16th day of February, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1928, and re-electing Directors and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, the 11th day of February, 1929, until Saturday the 16th day of February, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th January, 1929.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolution, viz:—

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinance (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hongkong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Jol. son, Stokes & Master, Prince Building, Solicitors to the Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

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A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on SATURDAY, the 2nd February, 1929, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at No. 334, Kowloon Tong. A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

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HSIN WAH INQUEST.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. W. B. Patey, Chief Officer of the s.s. Haining, next gave evidence. He said he relieved the last witness at 4 a.m. on January 16. The Wagon light was then in sight about fifteen miles away. At 4.45 a.m. the ship was about seven miles from Wagon and in the interval witness saw no rockets fired from the neighbourhood of Wagon lighthouse. In the conditions prevailing that night, with a hazy horizon, witness thought he would only be able to see rockets if they were fired not more than about five miles away.

Very Rough Sea.

In answer to a question by the jury, witness thought that any lifeboat which might have been launched that night would have been swamped by the sea.

In answer to Mr. Watson, witness said it would have been very difficult to have launched a lifeboat in those seas. Ordinarily the launching of a lifeboat would occur from seven to eight minutes, but with the conditions prevailing that morning, it would be pure luck if the lifeboat were launched at all.

Sergeant Youe, recalled, produced the Water Police Station Occurrence Book in which he himself had made an entry on the morning of January 16. The entry showed a message received from the Harbour Department at 5.15 a.m. that a vessel was on the rocks about a quarter of a mile north of Wagon.

Witness said he made the entry at about 5.30 a.m. and he told the Coroner that he was still convinced from that entry that he had received no word that the ship had sunk.

No Mention of Sinking.

Inspector K. W. Andrew, in charge of the Water Police Station, stated in evidence that he was awakened at 5.20 a.m. by Sergeant Youe who told him that a vessel was in distress about a quarter of a mile north of Wagon. There was no mention of the ship being sunk, or in a sinking state.

Witness at once wrote out a rough message to the officer in charge of No. 4 Police launch, and handed it to Sergeant Youe, with instructions that it be wirelessed at once.

At 8.15 p.m., when he overheard certain conversation from refugees in the charge room, he learned that a ship had sunk.

Leong Ping-kwan, a Government wireless operator, said he was on duty on the morning of January 16. He got a message from Sergeant Youe at 5.30 for transmission to No. 4 Police launch.

Failed to Get Into Touch.

Witness called up the launch at once, but up to the time he finished duty (6 a.m.) he failed to get it.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said that when the launch was in the vicinity of Sai Kong, Castle Peak or Tai-po, he had experienced no difficulty in communication. In fact, the launch had communicated with the police station at midnight, at 2 a.m. and again at 4 a.m.

Witness could not say if any definite orders were given to wireless operators on police launches to communicate with the Water Police Station at fixed times. In the day time, the launches called up once every hour, but after midnight until 8 a.m. a continuous watch was kept, and witness did not know of any regulation requiring operators to call up at fixed intervals.

Witness could give no explanation as to why he could not get the police launch that morning, adding that he had examined and adjusted his wireless set very carefully.

The inquest is being continued this afternoon.

MADAME SUN YAT-SEN.

Shanghai, Jan. 29. It is reported from a reliable source that Madame Sun Yat-sen arrived at Harbin on the 23rd instant and passed through Changchun two days later.

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Japan January 30.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers London 3rd Jan. and parcels 27th December 1928.)
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Straits and London parcel mail, (London 20th December, 1928.)
Australia and Manila February 1.
Manila February 4.
Japan February 4.
Shanghai February 5.

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Shanghai Jan. 29, 12.30 p.m.
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Manila Jan. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow Jan. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Hamburg Jan. 30, 1.30 a.m.
Saigon Jan. 30, 1.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta Jan. 30, 1.30 a.m.
Manila and Europe via Siberia Jan. 30, 1.30 a.m.
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Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Jan. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Manila Jan. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Straits Jan. 30, 3.30 p.m.
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Thurs., Jan. 31, 8.30 a.m.

Swatow Thurs., Jan. 31, 8.30 a.m.

Hydrangea Thurs., Jan. 31, 8.30 a.m.

Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco Anyo Maru Fri., Feb. 1, 10.30 a.m.

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Parcels Sat., Feb. 2, 1.45 p.m.

Registration Sat., Feb. 2, 2.30 p.m.

Letters Sat., Feb. 2, 2.30 p.m.

(Due Thursday Island, 16th Feb.)

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Bombay, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Morea Sat., Feb. 2, 4.30 p.m.

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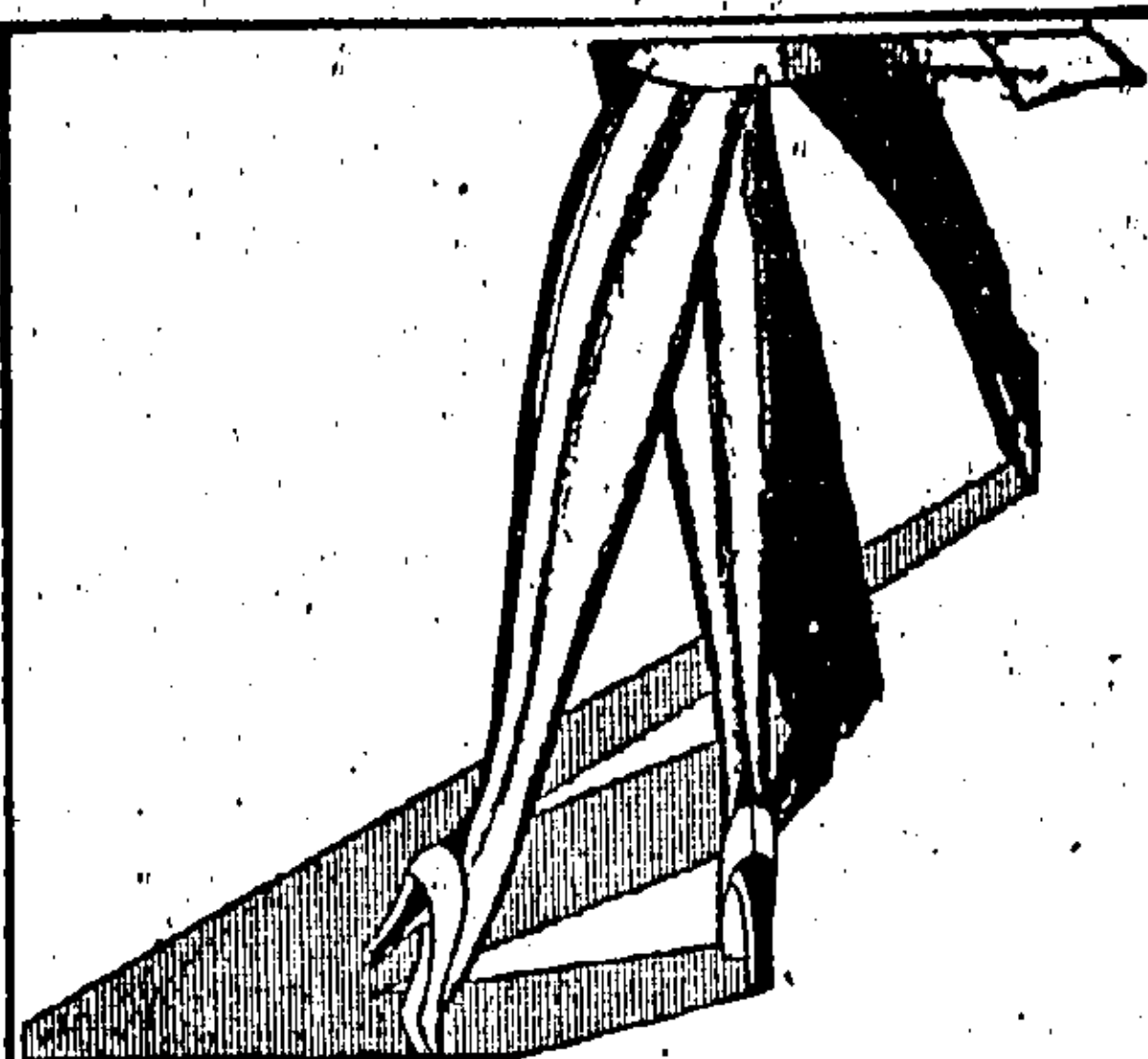
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Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Sun., Feb. 3, 9 a.m.



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A son, it is announced, has been born to the Hon. Mrs. Michael Bowes-Lyon, whose marriage to Captain the Hon. Michael Bowes-Lyon, the Duchess of York's brother, was one of the social events of last year.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.



Paris accessories are distinctive. (1) A yellow and black sports kerchief. (2) An afternoon or dinner bracelet is of gold metal handsomely wrought and studded with lapis lazuli. (3) An off-white georgette collar and tie give a charming lingerie touch to a green velvet frock. (4) A black reindeer "pochette" has an artistic fastening of onyx and circles of brilliants. (5) A pair of black satin pumps has a modernistic trim, silver edged. (6) Polka dots of velvet, picked out in strass, decorate the chiffon scarf, suede gloves of a new accessory-ensemble. There is a suede bag included in the ensemble.

Position of Girls.

THROWN AWAY OUR BEST
WEAPON.

[By a Modern Girl.]

Nowadays we claim that the position of girls has changed completely. We are as clever and as independent as men and quite capable of standing up for ourselves. Whereas we once set up to be angels and exalted appropriate treatment, now we set up to be devils.

This makes it a great deal easier for the men. If we will have it that we no longer require the consideration due to helplessness combined with virtue, who can blame them for accepting the proposition? It saves them a world of trouble.

We are no cleverer and no stronger than we used to be and we have thrown away our best weapon. The poor little modern girl, all dressed up to kill, painted and shorn in most brazen and confident style and looking the complete serpent, is, at heart, the same dear little fluttering rabbit still.

Only, who is to believe it?

Now, like the rest of womankind, I feel resentful at the fact that the whole world is apparently designed for man's benefit.

I particularly resent the way in which we are smoothing his path for him. It has always been our privilege not to fight fair. Now that we will do it, of course we get beaten by the larger animal.

Many a man has probably had reason to be grateful for the admirable advice on how to cope with women that Mr. Gallagher gave to Mr. Shean after the latter had made an inferior suggestion: "Use diplomacy, Mr. Gallagher."

"Use a brickbat, Mr. Shean!"

How wise! In a battle of brick-

A Golden Voice.

[By Lady Nelish.]

You can easily teach yourself to speak in a low pleasing voice.

Practice reading aloud to yourself poetry, love songs, stories, and, above all, Shakespeare. Listen to women who have beautiful voices. There still are some. Remember to lower yours on the telephone, in the street, and up the stairs. Keep your throat in perfect order. Gargle it with salt water, half a teaspoonful to less than a tumbler of tepid water, or use a little lemon juice and water as a gargle. These remedies will not give you a golden voice, but they will prevent strain and hoarseness.

If my throat feels rough and sore I often put a tiny heap of borax on a small plate and take a pinch of it. I allow it gradually to dissolve on my tongue. I do not know if this is good for me or bad for me. I only know I often use it and it has never hurt me yet, but has greatly eased and soothed my throat.

Men are always triumphant. Women should never touch them. Their weapon, beyond all doubt, should be diplomacy.

If we really want to assert ourselves let us climb back upon our pedestals. Only from that height shall we be able to deal with this problem of the arrogance of man. If it is not too late let us again demand and obtain that reverence and service which the innocent strong so gladly used to accord to the intelligent weak.

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Now wash the face in very hot water, containing one teaspoonful of tincture of benzoin. When very moist and hot, partly dry, and, with the finger tips, spread the warm clay all over the face and neck. The next part of the treatment is to get a book, and prepare to lie down on the couch until the clay is hard. Usually this takes 30 to 45 minutes.

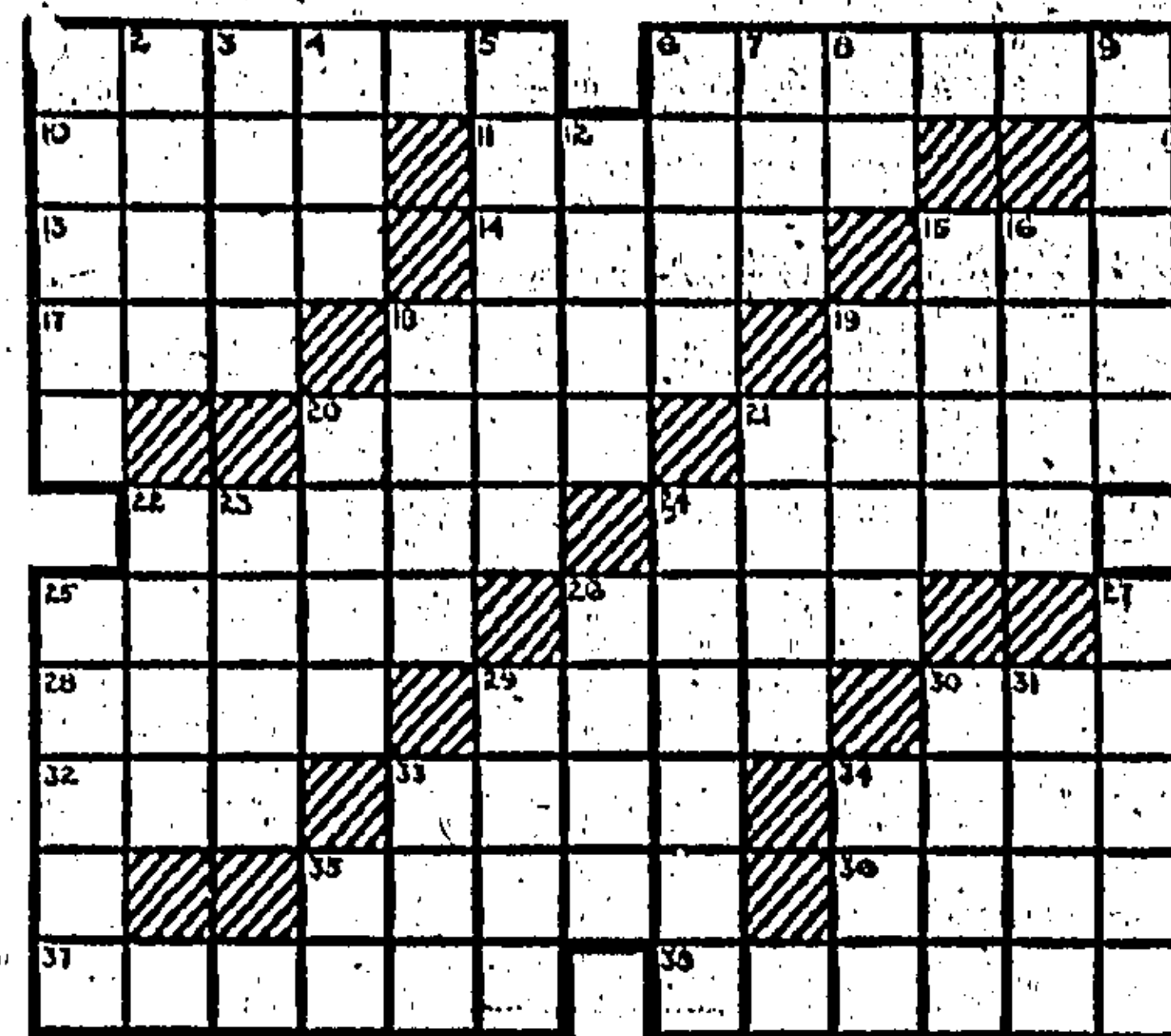
When the time is up, remove the clay with tepid water with a small sponge.

Rinse the face in cold water, and dry with a soft towel. Give a good cold creaming, and finish in the usual way.

our armour, and we are unfortunately beginning to be treated as we said we should like to be. How far more formidable is a woman who faints than a woman who swears!

But we have given the key of the position to the enemy, and Chivalry, the saviour of woman, is on the run.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



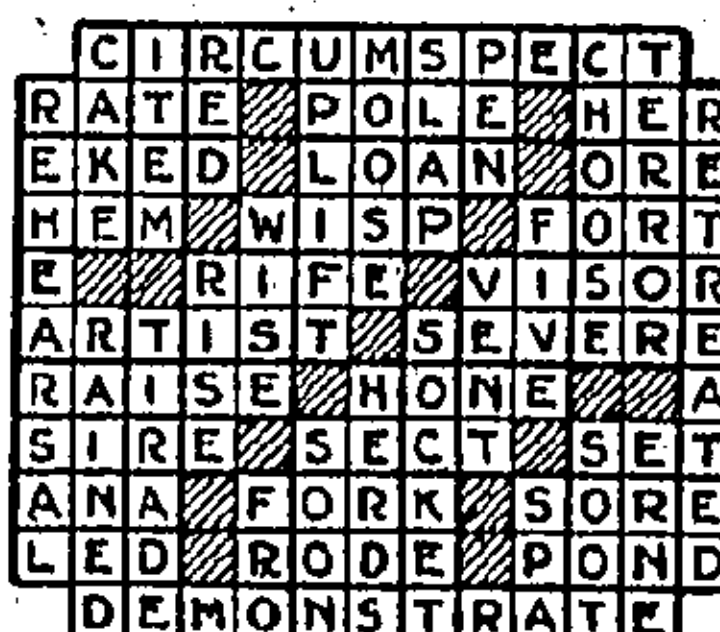
Horizontal

- 1 In what country is Montreal?
- 6 To indulge.
- 10 Acidity of the stomach.
- 11 To depart.
- 13 To assign by measure.
- 14 Net weight of a container.
- 15 Any flatish.
- 17 Before.
- 18 Time gone by.
- 19 A low place between hills.
- 20 A place surrounded by ramparts and bulwarks.
- 21 Living.
- 22 Dark-coloured spots on the skin.
- 24 Male parents of horses.
- 26 Heavenly body with a long nebulous train.
- 26 What measure equals one-fourth of a bushel?
- 28 Loosened earth around plants.
- 29 Thick clotted blood.
- 30 One and one.
- 32 Wayside hotel.
- 33 Auction.
- 34 To scorch.
- 35 The claw of a bird of prey.
- 36 To merit.
- 37 What continent is the chief source of raw diamonds?
- 38 Freedom of access to a house.

Vertical

- 7 Hall.
- 8 Myself.
- 9 Insurgent.
- 12 What is "The Orient" called?
- 15 What fruit is a staple food for the people in North Africa?
- 16 Exclamation of sorrow.
- 18 What was Henry Wadsworth Longfellow by profession?
- 19 A short sword.
- 20 Run away.
- 21 Crime.
- 22 Heavenly body next in conspicuousness to the sun.
- 23 Forgotten.
- 24 Unruffled.
- 25 After what country is porcelain ware named?
- 26 Game played on horses.
- 27 Carried.
- 29 Reactivity.
- 30 A drop of fluid from the eye.
- 31 An article of merchandise.
- 33 Membranous bag.
- 34 Group of matching articles.
- 35 Seventh note in scale.

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OPIUM CONTROL.

Chinese delegates at Geneva, especially when dealing with the opium question, often allow their zeal to outrun their discretion. We have just had an example of this in the surprising proposal put forward by Mr. Wang King-ki that, with a view to the prohibition of opium-smoking, the task of repressing the illicit traffic within the Concessions and Leased Territories be handed over to the Chinese authorities. The first thought which suggests itself in this connexion is that the Chinese authorities have themselves made a such very poor show of dealing with the evil in their own administrative areas that there would be precious little guarantee of any really useful work being done by them even if such a totally unreasonable proposal as that suggested by Mr. Wang were agreed to. Recent developments arising out of the Shanghai scandal provide plenty of material showing active participation in the traffic by those who ought to be in no wise associated with it.

But the most serious aspect of Mr. Wang's declaration, like so many others from Chinese sources which have preceded it, is the implied suggestion that whilst China herself is doing everything humanly possible to stamp out the opium evil, she is prevented by foreign interests and agencies from accomplishing the purpose. It may possibly be that this is the impression of the situation which Chinese misstatements have caused to be generally accepted in Europe and the United States. How far it is from the truth we in the Far East know only too well. For many years past, so-called Opium Suppression Bureaux in all parts of China have been much more concerned with the collection of revenue from the growing of the poppy than they have with efforts at extinction of the evil, and we have it on the authority of the International Anti-Opium Association that opium restriction in China is a figment of the imagination. The same source informs us that China uses as much opium to-day as in pre-prohibition years, with the added gain that the opium is her own production. It is admitted that a good deal of opium is smuggled into China from foreign sources, but it is equally true that Chinese syndicates do a huge business by smuggling the drug into the Eastern possessions of foreign nations. Of that fact Hongkong is only too well aware. Indeed, it has been computed that the amount of Chinese opium smuggled into the Colony far exceeds that im-

ported by the Government under its monopoly. We could cite other facts to show that it is a wicked perversion of the truth to suggest that foreign nations are forcing opium on an unwilling China.

We are prepared to admit that the National Government has recently shown some evidence of a sincere desire to suppress the opium evil, but we shall not be accused of being churlish if we prefer to await the response to its orders before judging the outcome of its battle with vested interests. How much room there is for action may be gathered from some interesting data on the question which came to hand from our Swatow correspondent only yesterday. It was there shown that officials in charge of the anti-opium campaign proceed by making an order for uprooting of the crop and, for a consideration, take a written promise from the farmer to carry out the order within, say, a week. The farmer is then left undisturbed until the end of the season, when he has to pay a further bribe. Should some higher authority intervene, the whole blame is laid on the farmer, who loses both his bribes and his crops, whilst the anti-opium official gets off scot free! When that sort of thing happens, we may be pardoned if we doubt both the sincerity of provincial officials and their ability to suppress the traffic.

Anglo-American Relations.

The sentiments expressed by Sir Austen Chamberlain regarding Anglo-American relations, warmly supported by the American Ambassador, are peculiarly acceptable at this time when the air appears to be full of suggestions that all is not well between the two countries. Writers of all sorts and descriptions have applied themselves to elucidating the differences, and it is usually the peace-at-any-price purveyor who find the situation most alarming. Over the dinner-table, where Parliamentary strictness is relaxed, Sir Austen finds a very human reason for the extent to which Anglo-American relations are discussed both in Britain and the United States. In Britain, he says, the reason is to be found not in the fact that those relations are impaired, but because we are extremely sensitive as a people to anything which even seemed to deviate from the close and warm friendship which it is the traditional policy of every British Government and the fundamental desire of our people to maintain with the United States. Sir Austen puts this forward in explanation of the criticism of the British Government following the breakdown of the Geneva naval conference, and goes on to show that it is only on naval matters that there exists any material difference of opinion. In common with others, we have felt that the British Government has always relied too much upon technical experts in dealing with problems such as these, and while consenting to the Foreign Secretary's summary of the vital differences in the needs of the two countries geographically, we are still much of the same opinion. Assuredly, as friends we should at some time or other reach a solution of the principle of parity that is satisfactory to both. In the meantime, such attacks on American naval activities as have been launched by Mr. Lloyd George, and to a minor extent, by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, are not helpful. It might prove more to the advantage of Britain and the United States and of mutual goodwill, if we both trusted the Kellogg Pact more than we seem to do at the moment.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 28.
Paris	124.05
New York	4.84 29/32
Brussels	34.00
Amsterdam	25.21
Antwerp	12.00
Berlin	92.02
Stockholm	20.41
Copenhagen	18.18
Oslo	18.10
Vienna	34.49
Prague	103.3
Helsingfors	102.3
Madrid	20.95
Lisbon	100.11/10
Athens	37.5
Bucharest	80.74
Rio de Janeiro	5.29/32
Bombay	47.15/32
Calcutta	1/6 1/2
Shanghai	2/6 1/2
Hongkong	2/0
Yokohama	1/10 1/2
Silver (spot)	23 1/2
Silver (forward)	20.8/10

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

CHILDHOOD IS LIKE A MIRROR WHICH REFLECTS IN AFTER LIFE THE IMAGES FIRST PRESENTED TO IT.—Samuel Smiles.

Mr. Kwok Siu-lau is to distribute the prizes to students of St. Stephen's College on Friday morning.

Artistic Chinese calendars come to hand from the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., and the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.

The Naval Ordnance Authorities announce that a quantity of unserviceable cordite will be burnt at Stonecutters Island on Wednesday and Friday.

For uttering cries in Wyndham Street, near On Lan Street, a Chinese hawk who was charged before Major C. Willson this morning was fined \$1.

The latest news regarding the 55. Ashihara Maru, grounded in the Haiman Straits, received at 10 o'clock this morning, was to the effect that the 55. Ruhu Maru was proceeding to her assistance.

"Your hat will be arrested," said Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to a Chinese who wore his headgear in Court. The offender was ordered to return in two hours' time to retrieve his hat, which was detained by the Court.

In a raid last night at 79, Yui-how Street, the police from the Shamshui Police Station removed from the first floor a counterfeiter's outfit, complete with a die and chemicals. Three Chinese men and a woman who were found on the premises were arrested.

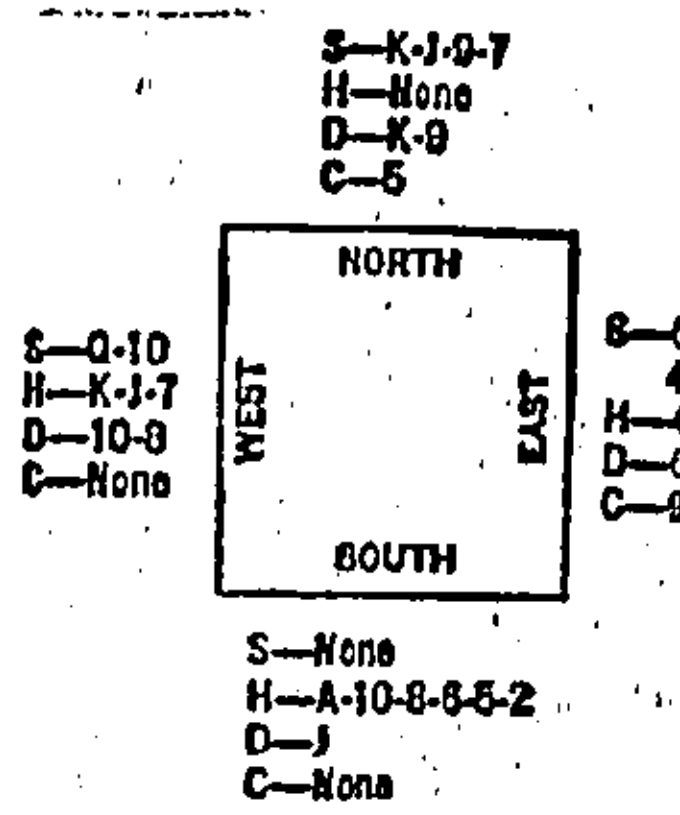
This morning's Harbour Office reports gave two vessels arriving in ballast for docking and repair. These were the British tanker Emile Deutsche de la Meurthe, running for the A.P.C., from Chinkiang, and the Chinese s.s. Kuming from Amoy.

Whilst at work on a ship at the Kwong Tack Cheong shipyard, at Tokowan, a carpenter, named Cheong Lim, toppled over the side of the vessel into the basin of the dock. He dropped a distance of 22 feet, and was subsequently sent to hospital suffering from shock.

With regard to the case in which a Chinese postman was yesterday charged with delay in delivering letters to Miss Lulu Xavier, of Kowloon Tong, and of defacing the postmarks, we learn that Miss Xavier's absence from Court was due to the fact that she made the mistake of going to the Mongkok Police Station. Miss Xavier was not the complainant, as she merely reported the matter to the postal authorities, who took action.



BY FABIAN MATHEY.



There are no trumps, and South has the lead. North and South must win six of the seven tricks. Lay out the cards on a table, as shown in the diagram, and study the situation. See if you can find a method of play that will net North and South six tricks.

The Solution.

It is possible to get into all kinds of difficulties with this problem if East and West take advantage of any errors. But it is also possible to work it out very smoothly, no matter what kind of defence is encountered.

South begins with the ace of hearts, North discarding his nine of diamonds. Then the Jack of diamonds is led, North winning with the king. Now North leads his club and East wins the trick. But East must now lead a spade through West's minor tenace and up to North's major tenace, giving North all the remaining tricks.

An opening lead of the ten or the eight of hearts, placing the lead with West, will not work out. West will then return a diamond which, whether it is won by North or by South, will eventually give East and West a total of at least two, and possibly three or four tricks.

THE POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Hongkong Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

General Inspection.

A general inspection of the whole Police Reserve by the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police accompanied by the Hon. Commissioners of Police will take place at the Central Police Station on Thursday, January 31st, at 5.15 p.m. sharp. All members are to attend. Dress:—Winter Uniform, Belts without frogs. No cap covers and no truncheons.

Chinese Company.

Strength.—Constable R33 Johnson Sim has been permitted to resign having completed one year's service with effect from the 18th. January, 1929.

Signalling.—The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for instruction in Morse and Semaphore under Mr. R. C. Wilson on Thursday, January 31st, at 6.45 p.m.

"First Aid" to the Injured.—Class for instruction in First Aid will be held at the Company's Headquarters on Wednesday, January 30th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Chinese New Year Holidays.—All instructional classes and parades for members of the Chinese Company will be suspended after Thursday, January 31st, until Wednesday, February 20th.

Indian Company.

Parade.—The Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, February 5th, for drill under Sergeant P. Condon. Fall in at 5.30 a.m. sharp. Dress:—Blue Uniform, Belt and Caps without cover.

Flying Squad.

Strength.—Dr. G. H. Thomas, Assistant Superintendent of Police (R) is permitted to resign upon completing one full year's service with effect from January 23rd.

Promotion.—Crown Sergeant R333 B. C. Randall has been appointed Sub-Inspector and to be in command of the Flying Squad Section.

Special Night Patrols.—Members of the Hongkong Section will parade at Central Police Station on Tuesday, January 23rd, and on Sunday, February 3rd for special night patrols. Fall in at 8.00 p.m. sharp. Dress:—Winter Uniform.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, January 29th. Fall in at the Tsim-tsa-tsi Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress:—Winter Uniform.

There will be no instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section on Thursday, January 31st, owing to the General Inspection of the whole Police Reserve.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Motor Patrols.—Motor patrols will be carried out on both the Hongkong and Kowloon sides on Wednesday, January 30th, at 9.00 p.m.

The Kowloon patrol will assemble at the Star Ferry Wharf, Kowloon at 8.45 p.m. under Crown Sergeant Field.

The Hongkong patrol will assemble at the same hour at Police Headquarters.

General Inspection.—All members of the Company will assemble at Police Headquarters on Thursday, January 31st, at 5.00 p.m. A photograph of the Company will be taken at 5.00 p.m. Uniform as per notices sent to each man.

"Defendu" Class.—This will be held on Monday, February 4th, at Police Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Uniform optional.

Revolver Practice.—Revolver practice will be carried out at Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, February 3rd, at 10.00 a.m. Members will assemble at the range at that hour with belts and holsters with revolvers. Uniform optional. (Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R).

THE NEW CUSTOMS TARIFF.

DEFINITE ENFORCEMENT ON FRIDAY.

Mention was made last week of a statement in the vernacular Press to the effect that the date of enforcement of the new Chinese Customs Tariff had been postponed from February 1 to March 15. We are informed by the Secretary of the General Chamber of Commerce that a message has been received from the British Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, as follows:—"The Minister of Finance says that the new Tariff will be effective as from February 1."

The Very Idea!

The report of the examiners to the Home Civil Service Commission shows that out of 930 girls who sat for a recent examination 708 failed. Hundreds could not read their own shorthand notes from dictation at 60 to 80 words a minute, and over 150 obtained no marks at all out of a possible 150 in this subject. The speed of typing required was only 30 words a minute, but nearly 130 candidates failed to get a single mark, while in arithmetic—five simple sums—many failed to break their duck, and 82 got less than 25 per cent. Ambition is an excellent thing in its way, but it is astonishing to find so many girls who desire clerical work in the Civil Service entering for an examination for which they are wholly unqualified. It is a sheer waste of their time and that of the examiners, and one can only hope that the results are not an indication of the efficiency of modern education.

"My client has been working something like seventy-nine hours a day."—Solicitor at Kingston.

Man at Greenwich: Because a husband reads a newspaper at the breakfast table is that sufficient reason to break up a home?

"Thank you, sir, I will give the policeman a chattering for pinching me," said a costermonger when fined 10s. at Marylebone for obstruction.

Defendant at Bangor: Good morning! I'm in a hurry. I have no time to waste with you fellows.

Solicitor at Willesden: If you did not strike the woman, how did she get her black eye? Defendant: Had it painted, perhaps.

[A bride, having changed her mind at the last moment, has revealed to us that some privileges still exist.]

Holding your own with the lights of the legal world, Marching with man in the ranks of the arts, Making the sports-field a feminine regal world, Playing up well in political parts;

Sure of your ground in pursuits agricultural, Stalwart and keen when the Force you adorn,

Firm, fit and fearless—and as a result, you're all Laughing at mice with indulgence or scorn;

Daily your progress and conquests expand, and yet (Let us confess it, we're happy to find) One charming trait you have not quite abandoned yet,

Woman, you're not above changing your mind.

According to a New York wire, a world without smoking, drinking or drudgery is foretold by Mr. Henry Ford in his book, "My Philosophy of Industry," which has just been published. He says that ploughing will be done wholesale, for farmers, and housework in the city and country will be reduced to a minimum; not even cooking will be done at home.

In the outskirts of Glasgow, the sergeant was showing the new policeman his beat. Taking him to the beginning of it, he pointed to a red lamp in the distance, and said:—"Your beat ends at the red lamp."

The policeman was missing for two days before returning sore and weary to the police office. On being asked for an explanation, he exclaimed:—"Do you remember the red lamp, sergeant, that was at the end of my beat? Well, it was a flittin' gaun' tae Dundee."

It was estimated that at least \$100,000,000 was paid, as Christmas bonuses to the staffs of banks, brokers and security houses in Wall Street. This figure is based on their doubling the distributions made last year when something like \$50,000,000 was paid. The greatest bonus distribution last year was one year's salary given to the employees of one broker's house, but this year one firm gave 100 weeks' salary bonus which is equivalent to two years' pay. On the Stock Exchange 5,000,000 shares business in a day has recently become commonplace and 6,000,000 shares have been traded in a single day on several occasions. Employees in many brokers' houses are able to make shrewd guesses of the amount which they are likely to receive, because distributions have a definite relationship with the profits made during the year and this year they have been enormous. Employees in Wall Street thus expected a happier Christmas with a heavier purse.

It is learned that the R.F.A. Rutenka, reconstructed for service at the Singapore base, will sail from here for that port on February 24, under her own steam.

FORGED BANKNOTE TRIAL STARTS.**FOUR CHINESE INDICTED AT THE SESSIONS.****POLICE TRAP SEQUEL.**

The circulation of forged banknotes in the Colony had a sequel at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan), when four Chinese, one of them a woman, were charged in connexion with forged \$50 notes, purporting to be notes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and with possession of plates for forging notes of the Central Bank of China.

The prisoners are Wu Wang-nai, Li Lai-chan, Lai Hon and Chau Hoi.

The first count against all four is that between October 1 and November 17, 1928, with Chang Wing, they conspired together to utter forged bank notes, purporting to be \$50 notes issued by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, knowing them to be forged, and with intent to defraud.

Other Charges.

Li Lai-chan and Lai Hon are further charged with being in possession of 40 such notes, while Chau Hoi is additionally charged with possession of one forged \$50 note.

Wu Wang-nai is further charged with being in possession of 13 plates, being implements for forging notes issued by the Central Bank of China.

All the prisoners denied the charges.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting for the Crown, and Mr. Leo D'Almada, Junior, instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada, senior, is defending the four prisoners, Chau Hoi.

The events concerning a police trap for the apprehension of the prisoners was touched upon by Mr. Fitzroy in opening the case for the Crown. He said that during the early part of last year, a certain number of forged bank notes were found to be in circulation in the Colony.

Distributing Centres.

As a result, said Mr. Fitzroy, information was given to the police who got into touch with what they believed to be one of the main distributing centres, and with certain persons who were engaged in putting the forged notes on the market.

As the investigations proceeded, the four prisoners came into the picture and were arrested.

Counsel continued that on November 14, last year, a Chinese detective named Chan Sui-ping got into touch with the first prisoner. They met in Connaught Road when Chan Sui-ping had with him a specimen note which, it was anticipated, could be reproduced by the first prisoner. Chan was asked how many he would like, and he replied that he would be prepared to take up \$30,000 worth.

Looked Like Genuine.

At this stage the forged notes, together with genuine ones, were produced, and Mr. Fitzroy remarked that the paper was much the same, and one might very easily be "taken in" by the forged notes.

As proof that Chan was a bona fide customer, counsel continued, he was asked for a deposit, and the next day they met again by appointment when Chan handed over the sum of \$30 to the first prisoner. No sooner was the money handed over than the third prisoner appeared on the scene. It was not known where he came from, but he had apparently been carefully watching the proceedings. The money was handed to him by the first prisoner, after which Chan was taken to the third floor at No. 114, Des Voeux Road Central.

There he came into contact with Chan Wing, who was not in the dock, and he appeared to take a very important part in the dealings which followed.

Changed Plans.

A discussion ensued as to where the notes were to be delivered, and Chan asked them to be taken to a money-changer's shop. That was agreed to at the time, but later they thought better of it and declined to carry out the business with that shop, so the business was carried on at the Des Voeux Road address.

Describing following events when the notes were supposed to be brought to the house but did not arrive, Mr. Fitzroy said that Chan Wing told the second prisoner to go to Wanchai and get the notes. Chan Wing also noticed a Police Inspector outside the house, and becoming suspicious, suggested they moved to another house, which was agreed to.

Continuing, Mr. Fitzroy said the fourth man came on the scene later, when the police were in possession of the house. The man walked into the premises, and

FAMOUS PRUSSIAN GENERAL.**DEATH OF INTIMATE OF THE EX-KAISER.****FIGHTING AT OVER 70.**

Berlin, Jan. 28.

The death has occurred (says Reuter) of General Hans von Plessen, who was for many years Adjutant-General to the ex-Kaiser, and commandant of the Kaiser's headquarters from 1892 until the end of the War.

Born at Spandau, near Berlin, in November, 1841, his father was a Prussian General and, he too, entered the army.

He fought in the campaigns of 1866 and 1870-1, joined the general staff as a captain in 1872, and in 1879, became Adjutant to Kaiser Wilhelm I, the grandfather of Wilhelm II. Later he was commandant of the Palace Guard and from 1888 to 1891 commandant of the 1st Foot Guards.

In 1892 he was promoted general a la suite of the Kaiser and commandant of the Imperial headquarters. — a post which he held for a generation and in which he exercised considerable influence. Throughout the war and until the fall of the monarchy he carried out his duties in spite of his advanced age.

During the discussion at the Kaiser's headquarters on Nov. 9, 1918, he and Count Schuelenburg, in opposition to Hindenburg and Groener, advocated recourse to arms in Germany to put down the revolution. He has been criticised for his alleged refusal to take the Kaiser to the front, as demanded by Groener, but the ex-Crown Prince in his book declares that Groener told him that the Kaiser must not go to the front to fight and fall there because an armistice was imminent and such a course could only lead to renewed bloodshed. The ex-Kaiser himself gives the same reason for failing to take this step.

HONGKONG BANK SWINDLED?

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ing money on rice delivery orders. He was quite unfamiliar with these delivery orders.

To Cover Overdraft.

Witness asked of the accused what these delivery orders meant and he was told that they represented rice in the mills and that he could take delivery at any moment and they could be inspected at any time.

Witness stated that when he accepted the delivery orders he did so to cover the overdraft on the Bank. He was not prepared to allow the account to remain dormant. He had conversations with accused on more than one occasion in regard to when credits would arrive.

Cross-examined by Mr. de Glanville, witness said he signed the petition for adjudication of the accused. The adjudication order was passed on 6th September. He did not instruct Mr. McDonnell or Mr. Clark that on that evening the Assistant Official Assignee had seen accused burning papers in front of his office.

The hearing was adjourned.

The s.s. Cassum (ex-H.M.S. Woodlark) has now been reconditioned, and will commence service to Wuchow under the British flag to-night, with Captain C.A.M. Hille as master.

when he saw the police there he took a note out of his pocket and dropped it on the floor.

Police Sergeant's Find.

A European Police Sergeant said he visited No. 19, Queen's Road East on November 16, being accompanied by two Chinese detectives and having authority to search the premises. He found there a woman, whom he later discovered was the wife of the first defendant. There were other people present, and later the first defendant came in and claimed to occupy the front cubicle.

Witness searched the cubicle and found the bottom drawer in a chest of drawers locked. The key was produced by the first defendant's wife and after he had opened it, witness found inside four packets wrapped in Chinese newspapers. One packet contained two engraved plates of a design similar to that used on ten-dollar Central Bank of China notes. The other packets contained smaller pieces of plate engraved with signatures, scrolls, etc., of designs similar to those on Central bank notes.

The case is proceeding.

BRUTAL ATTACK BY ROBBERS.**TWO PRISONERS CHARGED WITH PARTICIPATING.****IDENTIFICATION NOTE.**

Two men arrested in connexion with a robbery at Shatin were this morning charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court with participation in an armed robbery committed at a match shed at Sheung Kwai Chung, in the Tsun Wan District on November 24.

The defendants, together with two others appeared before his Worship last week on a charge of being concerned in a robbery in the Shatin District and were committed for trial on that count.

Opening the case this morning, Inspector Fallon said that early on the morning of November 24, three men and a woman in a match shed at Sheung Kwai Chung were suddenly awakened by the barking of dogs and one of the men went out to investigate. He was set upon by five men and tied up. The party then went inside the match shed, followed by five other men who made their appearance for the first time.

The inmates of the match shed were all secured. One of the men put up a struggle and was cut with a knife. The victims were roughly handled and after the incident were taken to Hospital where they remained for eleven days undergoing treatment.

One man, who identified the two defendants as being among the ten men who told the Court that he had known them for some time previous to the robbery and that there was no doubt about his identification.

The case was adjourned.

DAME CLARA BUTT'S FIRST SONG.**SPOILED BY A PAIR OF BOOTS THAT SQUEAKED.**

Attending the jubilee celebrations at Radcliff-crescent Chapel, Bristol, where she was a Sunday school pupil in childhood, Dame Clara Butt said she made her first appearance in public in that schoolroom at a concert.

"It was not a very happy beginning," she said. "I had to walk the whole length of the schoolroom to the platform and I had on a pair of boots that squeaked, and when I reached the platform my poor little voice was very weak. I dreaded my second song, but out of kindness of heart the people applauded, and I arrived at the platform without having heard a single squeak, so I sang with my heart in my voice instead of in my boots."

LAWN TENNIS.**BRITON WINS AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Adelaide, Jan. 28.

In the Australasian lawn tennis Championship final, J. Gregory, of the British touring team, beat R. Schlesinger, of Victoria, 6-2, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5.

Gregory gave the most brilliant all-round exhibition ever seen in South Australia. — Reuter.

A useful ash tray has come to hand from Messrs. Shevan Tomes and Co., agents for Messrs. Scott and Bowne, Ltd., London, advertising their Scott's Emulsion.

WAITING FOR THE DOMINIONS.**BRITISH RATIFICATION OF KELLOGG PACT.****ARBITRATION CLAUSE.**

London, Jan. 28.

Asked when the British Government proposed to ratify the multi-lateral treaty for the renunciation of war, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated, in the House of Commons, to-day, that His Majesty's Government proposed to deposit ratification of the Kellogg Pact as soon as the Governments in the Dominions were in a position to do likewise.

Asked whether, as a means of strengthening the machinery for the pacific settlement of disputes, he would recommend the Government to sign the Optional Clause, he said that ratification of the Pact might have important results in many directions, but it was too early yet to say what concrete form those results would take, particularly in regard to such matters as that mentioned.

On this matter, the Government desired to proceed in the closest touch with the Governments in the Dominions. Various cognate matters of which that was one, were under almost continuous examination and consideration of the Government. — British Wire-Press.

Belgrade, Jan. 28.

King Alexander has signed the Kellogg Pact, thus ratifying it as far as Yugo-Slavia is concerned. — Reuter.

Capetown, Jan. 28.

The Assembly has ratified the Kellogg Pact. — Reuter.

DANGEROUS HARBOUR PRACTICE.**FIVE CHINESE APPEAR AT MARINE COURT.**

The seriousness of making fast to vessels under way was emphasised at the Marine Court this morning, when five masters and mistresses of harbour craft, including the master of a motor lighter owned by the Kwong Sang Hong, were charged before Commr. F. G. Hole, R.N., in respect of an offence in which the s.s. Lungshan was involved. The defendants pleaded guilty.

A letter was produced in Court from Captain B. Thompson, master of the s.s. Lungshan, to the effect that the craft had made fast before the vessel berthed and that the motor lighter came alongside with such force as to damage two plates and impeded the navigation of the Lungshan so that she came on to the wharf with such force as to spring one of the piles.

A fine of \$10 with the usual alternative was inflicted on each defendant, and his Worship instructed the police officer in charge of the case to produce the master of the motor lighter for further action.

The management of the Peninsula Hotel announces that no further reservations can be accepted for the Grill Room and Roof Garden for Friday, February 3, as bookings for that evening have been completed. Dining accommodation for the Rose Room Grill for Saturday, February 9, is also completely reserved, but further reservations for that evening can be made for the Roof Garden, adjoining the Rose Room.

CHINA MUST HAVE FREE HAND.**CANNOT SUCCEED IF SHE IS INTERFERED WITH.****DR. WONG'S ADDRESS.**

Addressing members of the Kowloon Y.M.C.A. last evening, in the first of a series of talks on China, Dr. S. Y. Wong, M.Sc., Ph.D., said:—"The new Chinese Central Government will only be a success if China is left alone and allowed to have a free hand. We cannot succeed if we have foreign interference in our politics. We shall have a representative government like Western nations, in the course of time, if we can get peace, order and the spread of education in our country — and we shall only get this if foreign Powers do not interfere with us."

After tracing the history of the Revolution in China, Dr. Wong said during the past ten years China had been in a state of chaos and the Chinese had been blamed for not straightening out the tangled skein of their political and economical upset. Left alone, they might have been able to set their own house in order but they had not been left alone. What had been done, instead? The Western Powers were busily engaged from 1914 onward saving the world's civilisation on the battlefields of Europe. While that great struggle was in progress, China's near neighbours attempted to set her house on fire so that they could occupy or buy forcibly the land on which her house had stood. The European war had ended rather contrary to eastern expectations. Had Germany won, not only China but the whole world would have been the worse for it. As it was, China was hard pressed to pay a bill which was, in her eyes, something like a bill for gasoline used by her neighbour to set fire to her house.

In those circumstances, the Chinese people got wise and would not interfere in anything foreign, good or bad. Unfortunately, they were regarded as callous by the other nations but he felt sure that this trait would disappear as it was, after all, only human nature to sympathise with serious distress in others.

What were the great racial differences between the Chinese and other nationalities. Very little, he thought. Perhaps Western people paid too much attention to face values, the Chinese were the same as the Westerners; they were all human beings. He thought that the Chinese students who had gone abroad to be educated had demonstrated that the Chinese people were capable of every form of development and compared well in every way with students of other nations in that respect.

At the conclusion of his address, Dr. Wong answered a number of questions, and was later accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

TRAMWAY SCRIP CASE.**THREE ACCUSED AGAIN REMANDED.**

Chan Fuk and Poon Pui, who are jointly charged with possession and uttering of scrip for 500 shares of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., alleged to be forged, were both produced before Major C. Willson this morning, when, on the application of Mr. Murphy, the hearing of the case was fixed for Monday next, 4th February at 2.15 p.m.

R. M. Gutierrez was also brought before his Worship, when Mr. Leo D'Almada Castro, Sr., defending, indicated that the prosecution would like a further week's remand, and he personally had no objection.

Major Willson granted the required remand, the defendants to stand on the same bail as before.

INDIAN WITHOUT PASSPORT.**POSSIBLY A DESERTER FROM SHIP.**

Rahim Deen, an Indian, was charged before Major C. Willson, this morning, with landing in the Colony without a passport.

Sub-Inspector Elston, prosecuting, informed His Worship that the defendant arrived in the Colony a few days ago, without any money. Defendant claimed that he was a passenger from Singapore to Swatow. On arrival at the latter port, the Chinese authorities had committed him to prison and he later found his way to Hongkong.

Sub-Inspector Elston said the story was hardly to be believed, and it was more probable that the defendant was a sailor who had deserted his ship.

Sentence of three weeks' hard labour was passed.

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WEEK-END SPORT AT CANTON.

AMERICA DEFEATS ENGLAND IN GOLF CONTEST.

Despite inclement weather, the golf match arranged for Sunday between teams representing America and England was played off over 18 holes on the Tungshan Recreation Club's course at Tungshan, Canton.

The English team were unfortunately unable to put all their best men in and were severely defeated, though they did better than the Scots who were defeated by the same American team in November last.

Singles.

The singles were played off in the morning, the results being:

J. C. H. Bonbright	1	A. E. Quinn	0
C. E. Sandstrom	1	G. E. Watson	0
R. G. McNeary	0	H. K. Bachelard	1
H. H. Anthony	1	G. C. Ritchie	0
A. N. Spencer	1	G. H. Bowker	0
L. H. Hutha	1	A. J. Evans	0

The Foursomes.

The foursomes were played off in the afternoon and resulted:

J. C. H. Bonbright & C. E. Sandstrom	2	A. E. Quinn & G. E. Watson	0
R. G. McNeary & H. H. Anthony	1	H. K. Bachelard & G. C. Ritchie	0
A. N. Spencer & L. H. Hutha	1	G. H. Bowker & A. J. Evans	0

The total was thus 9 points to 3 in favour of America.

Tennis "At Home."

The Shamen Lawn Tennis Club were "At Home" on Saturday on the occasion of the prize-giving for the various tournaments played during the season. An excellent tea was served and quite a large crowd gathered on the courts.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Annett, wife of the President of the Shamen Lawn Tennis Club.

The winners were: Hong Doubles.—Shamen Municipal Council (Mr. C. E. Watson and Captain G. A. Clements R. of O.) winners of A.P.C. Challenge Cup; this being the first time this cup had been played for, the A.P.C. having won the old cup outright after winning the event in 1925, 1926 and 1927. The runners-up were Messrs. Gerin, Drevard and Co. (Mr. J. Baud and Mr. V. E. C. Ferrier).

Men's Championship Singles for cup presented by Captain Leslie Graham, of the Scots Guards.—Winner, Mr. A. T. Lay; runner-up, Mr. C. E. Watson.

Men's Handicap Singles.—Winner, Mr. C. E. Watson; runner-up, Mr. F. Gandossi.

Men's Handicap Doubles.—Winners, Mr. A. T. Lay and Mr. J. Rodger; runners-up, Mr. M. A. Annett and Mr. F. Gandossi.

Mixed Handicap Doubles.—Winners, Mrs. C. E. Watson and Mr. F. Gandossi; runners-up, Mrs. J. F. Brennan and Mr. M. A. Annett.

Ladies' Championship Singles.—Winner, Miss Margaret Hogg; runner-up, Mrs. C. E. Watson.

Ladies' Handicap Singles.—Winner, Miss P. Kemble; runner-up, Mrs. C. E. Watson.

Ladies' Handicap Doubles.—Winners, Mrs. J. F. Brennan and Miss P. Kemble; runners-up, Mrs. C. E. Watson and Mrs. F. Gandossi.

American Tournament.

Previous to the prize-giving, there was a very interesting Little American Handicap Tournament for which eight couples entered, each couple playing every other couple five games. Those responsible for the handicapping in this event are certainly to be congratulated, as four out of the eight couples finished level first. With 35 possible games the following was the handicapping and score:

Mrs. F. Gandossi and Mr. C. E. Watson (0), 25; Mrs. M. A. Annett and Mr. A. T. Lay (0), 21; Mrs. C. E. Watson and Mr. F. Gandossi (0), 23; Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Walcott (0), 24; Mrs. J. W. H. Ferguson and Mr. M. A. Annett (9), 25; Mrs. Olivecrona and Mr. J. Krabbe (14), 26; Miss E. L. V. Hogg and Captain G. A. Clements (14), 26; Madame F. (15), 26. The four winning couples then played a knock-out tournament. In the first round for the best of five games Mrs. F. Gandossi and Mr. C. E. Watson (-80) defeated Mrs. Olivecrona and Mr. J. Krabbe (-15) 3/0; Madame P. Leynaud and Mr. V. E. C. Ferrier (+15) defeated Miss E. L. V. Hogg and Captain G. A. Clements (scratch) 3/0. The finals were played for the best of nine games, Madame P. Leynaud and Mr. V. E. C. Ferrier (-15) defeating Mrs. F. Gandossi and Mr. C. E. Watson (-80) by 5/3.—Our Own Correspondent.

HONGKONG C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENTS.

START TO BE MADE NEXT MONTH.

The opening date in connexion with the Hongkong C.C. lawn tennis tournaments has been fixed for February 13th, when three ties each in the Championship Singles and Doubles, and one in the Club championship will take place. Dates have been fixed for all the competitions, excepting the Mixed Doubles Handicap. Those for the Championship Singles are as under:

February 13th.—K. T. San v. Iu Tak Cheuk; H. Owen Hughes v. D. S. Green; J. G. Lawrie v. W. B. Cornaby.

February 15th.—A. H. Crook v. C. E. Holmes; S. E. Green v. T. Isomura; M. K. Lo v. Ng Sze Cheung.

February 20th.—T. Fujimori v. Lim Peng Chin; Lt. J. Hale v. F. Grosse; Ho Ka Lau v. H. D. Rumbahn.

February 21st.—R. E. Jones v. J. Barrow; E. Ralston v. Cheng Chi Wing.

February 22nd.—T. Honda v. E. D. Lawrence; M. W. Lo v. I. M. A. Razack; Wong Hing v. Chan So.

February 28th.—H. Yoshida v. T. Akizawa; L. Goldman v. J. A. Cassumbhoy.

March 1st.—S. A. Rumbahn v. W. C. Hung; Luk Ding Cheung v. Chiu Tsun Chiu; Lai Kwong Tsun v. Y. Sajiki.

March 4th.—A. E. Guest v. H. Lo; E. C. Fincher v. F. A. Redmond; Iu Tak Lam v. R. M. Henderson.

March 5th.—H. Y. Ho v. E. F. Fincher; J. S. McEachran v. Y. Hachiuma.

HONGKONG DERBY.

TWENTY-SEVEN PONIES ENTERED.

Entries closed on Saturday for the annual race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club. It is interesting to note that twenty-seven ponies have been entered for the Hongkong Derby, which is three more than last year. Mr. Ho Kom-tong has the largest entry with four and Mr. John Peel and Messrs. Chan and Rafeek have three each. No other owner has more than two. Although Mr. Dunbar has seven griffins, only three have been entered.

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Parkson	Son of Army	13.2
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Chan & Rafeek	Glorious Stag	13.2
Chan & Rafeek	Triumphant	13.2
Chan & Rafeek	Ideal Stag	13.2
K. C. Lau & H. C. Lee	Duke of Chantilly	13.2
K. C. Lau & H. C. Lee	Duke of Medina	13.2
Yam Man	Blue Danube	13.1
Ho Kom Tong	President Hall	13.2
Ho Kom Tong	Majestic Hall	13.1
Ho Kom Tong	Imperial Hall	13.2
Ho Kom Tong	Duke Hall	13.2
Eve	Grand Tattoo	13.2
Stanton & Reldy	Target	13.2
Hynes & Mackie	Peppercorn	13.2
Hynes & Mackie	Peterkin	13.2
Chan Tin Sion	Richmond Stag	13.2
John Peel	Adam	13.1
John Peel	Royal Flush	13.1
John Peel	Huntington	13.1
R. M. Dyer	Two Clubs	13.2
Mrs. Dunbar	Hawatha	13.2
L. Dunbar	Franchman's Bay	13.2
L. Dunbar	Delaware Bay	13.1

REFEREES' MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association is to be held at the Chaplain's Hut, Scandal Point, on Friday at 6 p.m. All interested in football are cordially invited. At this meeting it is hoped to discuss several knotty points relative to the game.

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The contract would be carried out by the General Electric Company with the assistance of their associated company, the Pirelli-General Cable Works, Ltd., of Southampton, the latter company carrying out all the actual erection work. The work of erection would take in all three years, and employment would be given in the actual erection work to between 500 and 1,000 men. In addition to that employment would be given to large numbers in the manufacture of the steel towers, steel aluminium conductor, insulators, and other accessories.

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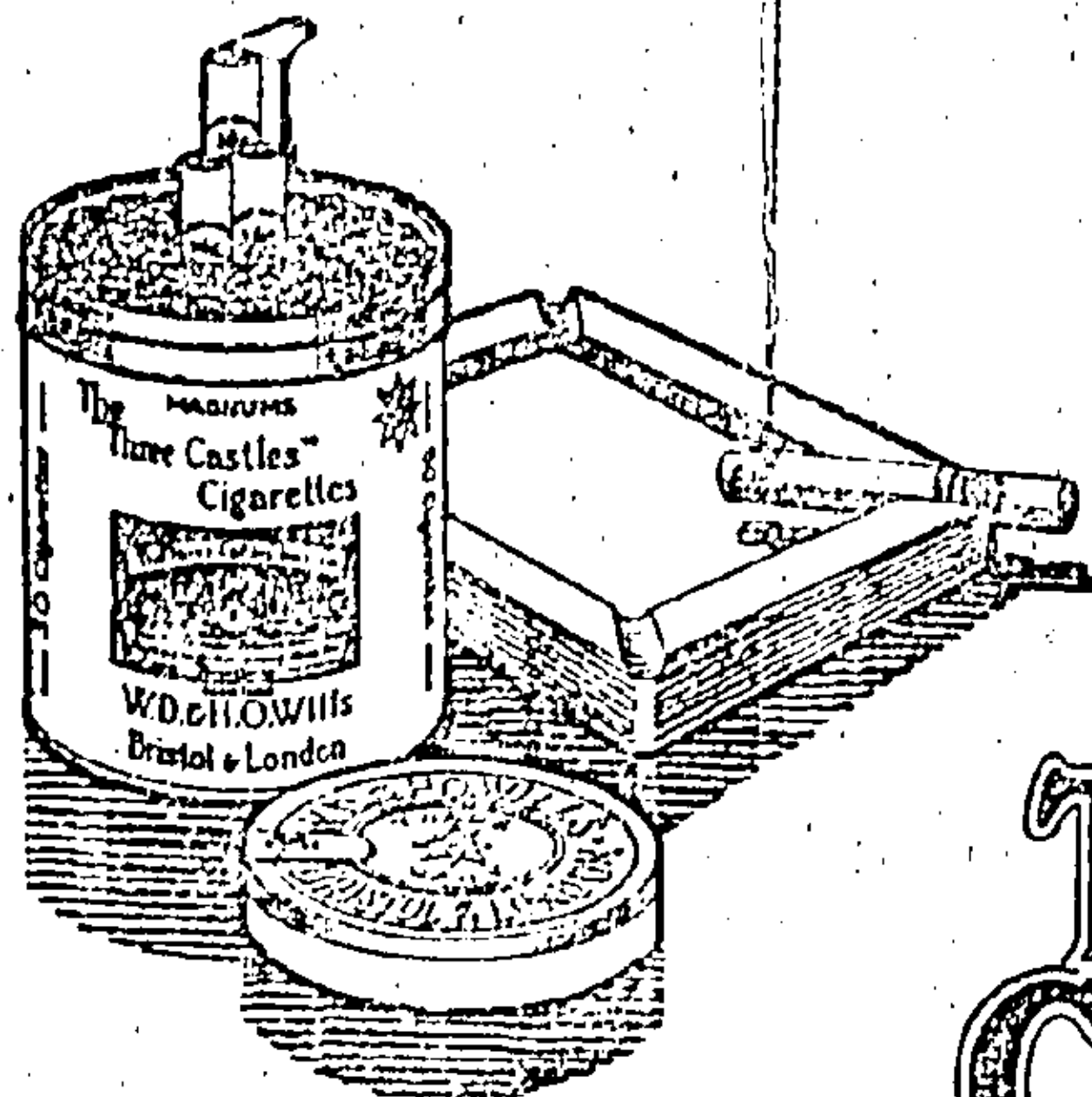
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CHAPTER XI.

Special Note.—All the names, characters, and incidents in this story are entirely fictitious.

Melford had stopped the car at the foot of a hill where two roads branched out—one to the right, the other to the left, a signpost pointing both ways.

"I don't believe I shall be able to read the name," he grumbled; "the moon isn't high enough yet, but I shall have a try for it."

He got out of the car and walked away to the corner, where stood Elizabeth's deliverer with extended arms pointing out a way of escape. In a flash Elizabeth saw her chance and took it. Getting quickly into the driver's seat, she started the car, and when Melford turned at the sound he was too late to reach it. On it went, gathering speed every moment. In vain he called out, and swore as he ran after it—the car was out of sight.

"Curse me for a fool to have forgotten the girl could drive!" he muttered. "But she won't get far, the car's too heavy for a woman chauffeur—she will have to stop some time, and then I'll come up with her. Luckily, she's taken the road to Windermere."

But at present Elizabeth was safe from her pursuer, and other possible dangers seemed as nothing to her compared with the one she had escaped. She could almost have laughed in her relief at having outwitted her enemy.

The big car was responding gallantly to her driver, bearing Elizabeth further and further away, and then suddenly two things happened—the first was the sudden appearance of a red lamp some little distance off, and by the light of the now risen moon Elizabeth saw that it was the rear light of a car drawn up by the roadside, the chauffeur standing by, evidently about to start again.

Then the second thing happened, for just as the Panhard had nearly reached the other car a tyre burst.

At the sound the man turned his head, came forward a few steps, then stopped short, for Elizabeth had alighted and was hurrying towards him.

"Oh please!" she called out. "Could you help me? I must get on, and—why, it's you!" in a joyful tone of relief. "How lucky!"

It was the stranger who had rescued her from drowning at Torquay. The man took the hand Elizabeth impulsively held out to him, amazement for the moment depriving him of speech.

"Why—how on earth—you're not alone, sure?" he ejaculated at last in horror-struck tones.

"Yes, but I haven't come far."

"Well, I reckon you've some nerve to drive that big car, young lady, and in this lonely road—want your tyre fixed, eh? Gee! You startled me. I've had a break down, too, but it's all right now. Let's see the extent of your car's damage."

"Yes, but, you see, I'm not keen on driving any farther on my own, and I don't know the road. I've escaped from the car's own, who was trying to take me where I did not want to go. It must have been your car that passed us on the road, and I wanted to call for help, only you whizzed past so quickly. However, the man who was driving the car left it for a moment to read the directions on the signpost, and I just nipped into his seat and started the engine and was off before he could stop me."

The man threw back his head and roared with laughter.

"That's the cutest thing I've heard of in a month of Sundays, and so you left him behind swearing his head off, you bet," with another burst of laughter.

"I thought, perhaps, I could ask you to let me ride with you to some place where I should be safe and could get shelter for the night—then I would take an early morning train home to-morrow. We could leave this car here until the owner comes along. I'll tell you all about it when we've started—do let us go quickly, for fear Mr. Melford gets a lift and—"

"One moment, Miss—sorry I've forgotten your name."

"Hyde, Elizabeth Hyde."

"And mine's Conrad Dickens at your service. Now, tell me, what was that name you mentioned just now?"

"Melford—Austin Melford."

"Je-hoshaphat! So that's the skunk, is it? Well, I reckon we'll stop his chance of getting on to-night," and taking a serviceable-looking clasp knife from his pocket, the man deliberately made a ragged incision in the tyre of the other wheel. "It would gratify me considerably," he added, "to do the same to the owner himself—and I'll sure do it when I can get at him and her both together. I'm clean on their track now. Excuse me, Miss Hyde, I'm afraid I've got the habit of speaking my thoughts aloud. Now, as you've done me the honour

of trusting yourself to me, come along and jump in the car and we'll make tracks for some place you can stop in till to-morrow."

On their way Elizabeth told Conrad Dickens of Melford's persecution of her and the events of the last few hours, and could she have known it, the recital drove one more nail in Austin Melford's coffin and that of the woman who had helped to ruin a man's life.

"See here, Miss Hyde," Dickens said when Elizabeth had finished her story, "you may thank your lucky stars that you've escaped from the greatest blackguard that ever trod God's earth."

"You know Mr. Melford, then?" "Know him? Know the man who, posing as my friend, robbed me of my wife, and then tried to get rid of me by getting me a term of imprisonment for a crime he knew I had never committed? I can tell you this, Miss Hyde, that when Austin Melford and I meet, there'll be death for one of us, and if there's any justice for human beings, that one sure won't be Con Dickens."

"I always knew he was no good," Elizabeth said in a tone of conviction. "I expect," she smiled, "that's why I'm trusting you."

"That's real good of you, and I'll prove worthy of your trust, you bet. Now, I've been thinking that I'll take you to the little hotel at Bowness where I put up last night; it isn't one of the swanky ones, but it's clean and the food's fair—also there are very few people there to notice you. All the same, if you don't mind, I reckon it will be as well if you accept me as your uncle, say for the time being, and call yourself Miss Conyers—that's the name I gave 'em—we'll get along first rate then."

"Of course, I'll do as you say, Uncle," Elizabeth replied, laughing. "I owe you a debt of gratitude I can never repay—I'm giving you so much trouble, and you've already been too kind to me, first saving my life, and now saving me from misery and despair—I scarcely like to impose on your good nature any further."

"Now, don't you get on that track, my dear young lady. By the bye, I'm afraid I must call you Elizabeth if you're my niece, or Lizzie, if you don't mind, I'll put 'em off the scent." They both laughed—things were becoming amusing. "I've done nothing anyone else wouldn't have done under the circumstances, and I'm real glad to have been able to help you get away from that skunk Melford and the woman who is still my wife—worse luck!—the woman who calls herself Mrs. Gilrow."

"But—Mrs. Gilrow your wife? Why, she told everybody at Shrimpton that she was Mr. Melford's sister."

"She did that, did she? And I reckon she made folks believe everything she said—a good actress when she liked to take the trouble was Milly—but I'm jiggered if I can understand what their little game was in coming to England—"

"Well, I think I can help you there," was the reply. "Mr. Melford thought she could help him in getting me to marry him, so she made much of me, and though I didn't quite believe in her, I couldn't help liking her."

"Nobody could if she chose to make 'em. One word, Miss Hyde, before we get to the hotel—it will be best for neither of us to appear in the coffee room. If I can't get a private room, have something to eat in your bedroom. If Melford happens to get on he'll scur the place for you, and I don't cotton to meeting him myself—just yet, so I'll get a meal somewhere else. We'll take no risks."

It was certainly a strange adventure this—and Elizabeth kept wondering if it wasn't a bad dream, that terrible ride with Austin Melford, her escape, and now this coming to the hotel with a man she had only met three times and to whom she had not even been properly introduced.

What would Aunt Lucy have said? And John—well, she would see them both to-morrow and explain everything. John would understand, and perhaps wish he had not scouted her knowledge of Melford's true character quite so openly.

"I'll come round with the car at eight-thirty, mind you're ready, Lizzie," were Mr. Dickens' parting words to his "niece," when, having engaged a room for Elizabeth and ordered a supper to be served to her there, he bade her go and have it, and then go to bed. "We've got to start right away if we want to get to Ambleside in time to meet the others. So long!"

"All right, Uncle, I'll be ready, goodnight," and Elizabeth meekly turned away and followed the waiter upstairs to her room, where she found a meal awaiting her and a smiling chambermaid to attend to her further orders. Her last thought as she laid her head on the pillow that night was that, except for John, she had never seen any man so thoroughly likeable as Conrad Dickens.

(To be Continued.)

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TIENTSIN SHANGHAI

YOKOHAMA SHANGHAI

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Reserve Fund Y. 100,000,000

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts. Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

H. MOEL, Manager.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1922.

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Head Office:—Hongkong.

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Paid-Up Fund \$11,000,000.

Reserve Fund \$11,000,000.

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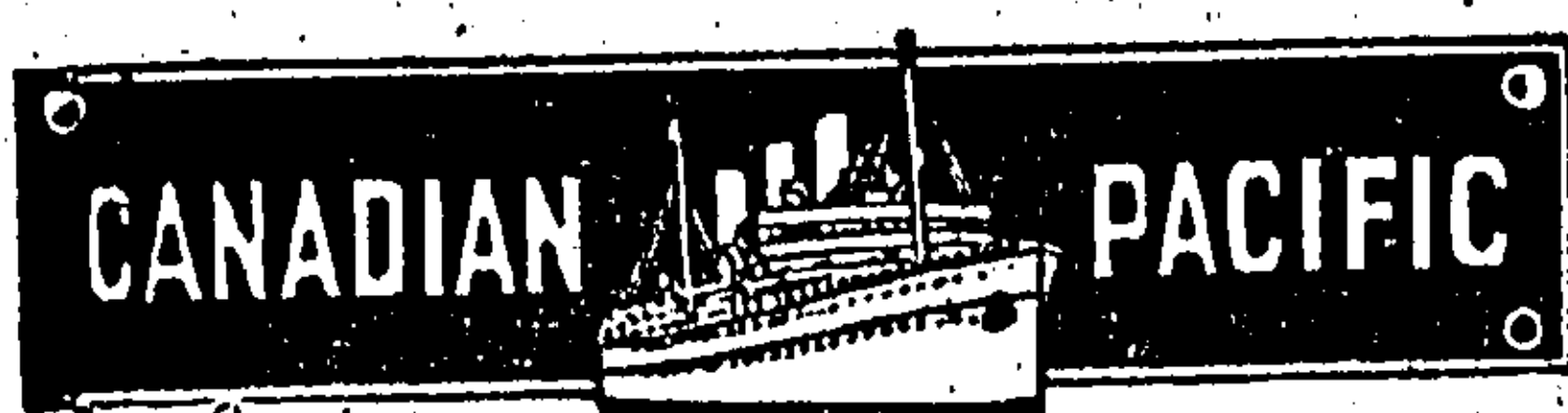
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EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 20	June 23	June 26	June 28	July 7
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
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word, of common usage, for each
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tions don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be
changed.

One solution is printed on an-
other page.

NO COALITION.

LIBERALS AND LABOUR NOT
LIKELY TO UNITE.

London, Jan. 28.

A possible coalition between
Labour and the Liberals if the
Conservatives are returned to
power after the next general
election, was repudiated yesterday
by leading members of both the
Liberal and the Labour parties.

Sir Herbert Samuel, chairman
of the Liberal Party, speaking at
Newcastle, said 1924 "would not
be repeated. The Liberal Party
are putting forward 430 candi-
dates at the next election. Two
years ago there were only 180
Liberal candidates.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, speaking
on behalf of Labour yesterday,
said he was not enthusiastic about
any possible future coalition.—
British Wireless.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

PREMIER TO UNVEIL STATUE
TO LADY PIONEER.

London, Jan. 28.

The Prime Minister has consented
to unveil the statue to be erected
in Westminster of Mrs. Pankhurst.

The fact that the Premier will
unveil her memorial marks a re-
markable reversal of public opinion
regarding women's suffrage. Women
now have votes at the age of 21 on
the same terms as men.—British
Wireless.

NO EMBEZZLEMENT.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS
AGAINST CHINESE WITH-
DRAWN.

The case against Wong Hop,
who was charged last week before
Major C. Willson with the alleged
embezzlement of \$8,000 from Ma
Cheung-wai, was concluded at the
Central Magistracy yesterday when
the Magistrate permitted the
withdrawal of the charges against
the defendant.

At the previous hearing, Mr.
F. H. Loseby, who represented the
prosecution, had stated that Wong
had converted into his own use
\$8,000 entrusted to him to meet a
draft in the Bank of Canton. At
that hearing Mr. Loseby stated
that the money was recovered
from the defendant's safe, which
held no less than \$50,000 in cash,
in addition to the \$8,000 concern-
ed in the case.

When the Court sat yesterday,
Mr. Loseby indicated that he would
offer no evidence against the de-
fendant and asked his Worship to
discharge him. He explained that
the complainant had given the
defendant \$8,000 for the purpose
of meeting a draft for which the
complainant was liable. The two
men were not business partners.
Mr. Loseby said he was satisfied
that the explanations given by the
defendant were good and if his
Worship was equally satisfied, he
would ask that the defendant be
discharged.

Mr. P. M. I. Edgson, who repre-
sented the defendant yesterday,
stated that there was merely a
business arrangement between the
complainant and defendant and the
latter did not quite understand
his "rights" and "wrong" in
carrying out his duties. The de-
fendant was a man of means and
had plenty of money. He was
well-known and not the sort of
man who would embezzle. He was
purely holding the money on
account of some outstanding
transactions which he had with
the complainant. The latter had
promised to carry out certain
things and the defendant was
merely waiting for their com-
pliance. "The complainant got
rather excited about it," added Mr.
Edgson.

His Worship, as stated above,
granted leave to withdraw the
charge.

LOSS OF \$4,000.

CASH CONSIGNMENT DIS-
APPEARS FROM SHIP.

The chief officer of the s.s. Tai
Pao Sek reports the robbery of
\$4,000 while the ship was at sea.

In a report made to the Water
Police Station yesterday, he states
that some time between six o'clock
in the morning and six o'clock in
the evening of yesterday, someone
gained entrance to his cabin, the
door of which was open, and stole
four packages, each containing
\$1,000 made up of Chinese 20-cent
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undersigned before Tuesday the
5th February, 1929, or they will not
be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in
the Godowns for examination by the
consignees, and the Company's Sur-
veyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at
10.00 a.m. on Saturday the 2nd
February, 1929.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left the Godowns.
No Fire Insurance will be effected
by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDONS,
Agent.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1929.

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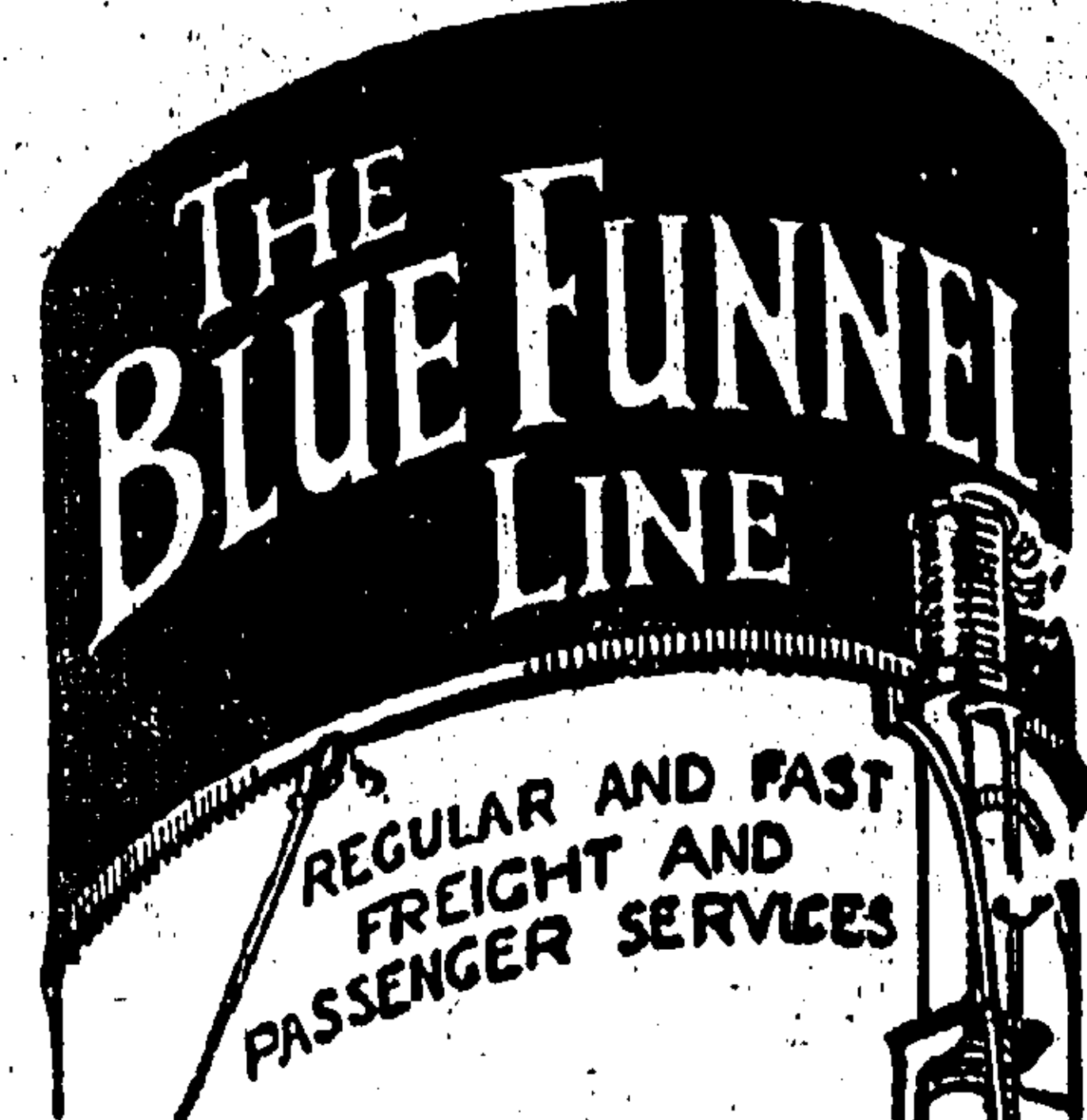
AGREEMENT REACHED TO
GIVE UP CONCESSION.

Shanghai, Jan. 28.

The Sin Wan Pao states that
Dr. C. T. Wang and the Belgian
Minister having reached an agree-
ment for the rendition of the Bel-
gian Concession at Tientsin. The
Foreign Minister has appointed
two commissioners to take over
the Concession.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 28.

The number of local telephone
calls originated in the London ser-
vice were, during 1928, 692,000,000,
being an increase of 7 per cent over
the previous year.—British Wire-
less.



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INWARD SERVICE

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A GENUINE CLAIM.

PUISNE JUDGE DELIVERS A JUDGMENT.

Mr. Justice Jacks delivered judgment in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, in a case in which the Hup Lung Kee firm sued the Wo Chan firm, for the sum of \$570. The money was claimed as being the balance due for goods sold and delivered.

Mr. A. el Arculli was for the plaintiffs and Mr. C. A. S. Russ defended.

Giving judgment, his Lordship said:—The plaintiffs, when making me a statement of particulars of their claim, omitted items both as to the credit and debit sides of their account but, though they remedied these immediately it was unfortunate for their omissions gave the defendants cause to challenge the plaintiffs' books with the result that a long examination of the accounts extending over three sittings has been necessary.

When the case closed, I reserved my judgment in order that I might consider the notes I had made.

Claim Correct.

I find on looking into the accounts put in by both sides that though there are discrepancies in the books of both the plaintiffs and the defendants, the plaintiffs' claim is substantially correct.

The disputed entry of \$570 is due in respect of one consignment of goods which, though it does not appear in the plaintiffs' cash book, does appear to have been entered in the usual way in other books kept by them and I am satisfied it is a genuine claim.

The plaintiffs admit a rebate of \$4.40 should have been allowed in respect of a cash which was returned and which will reduce their claim to \$565.60. The sum of \$96 has been paid into court.

I accordingly give judgment for the plaintiffs for \$469.60 with costs, and order that \$96 paid into the court by the defendants be paid to the plaintiffs.

P.W.D. LAND SALES.

BRISK BIDDING FOR NATHAN ROAD SITE.

Some very brisk bidding took place at the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday, when an area of 2,145 square feet of land on Nathan Road, near the junction of Nathan and Prince Edward Roads, was put up for sale by public auction.

The conditions of sale included the spending of not less than \$10,000 on the site in rentable improvements within twenty-four calendar months and under "Special Conditions" there was a clause which stated that in the event of domestic houses being erected on the lot, such houses must be of European type.

The upset price was \$4,880 and the bidding was to be not less than \$100 each time.

Bids came rapidly at \$100 a time until the figure of \$6,500 was reached. From this stage the bidding ceased off slightly, but soon reached \$7,000 and still the competition for the site was kept up, the eventual purchaser having to pay \$8,000 for the lot, which works out at slightly over \$3.50 per square foot.

Another lot at Mongkoktsui of an area of 8,840 square feet was sold for \$14,500, just under \$1.50 per square foot. In this case, the upset price was \$13,250 and this figure was advanced to \$14,000 in three bids. Thereafter bids of \$100 followed until \$14,500 was reached, the ultimate purchaser being a Chinese. The locality of this lot is described as "at the junction of Butte Street with Sai Yeung Choi and Tung Choi Streets." The purchaser was required to spend \$20,000 in rentable improvements on the site within twenty-four months.

INDIAN LABOUR.

GOVERNMENT COMMISSION APPOINTED.

New Delhi, Jan. 28. On the reopening of the Assembly, the Viceroy announced the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the Indian labour problem with the Speaker, Mr. Whitely, as chairman.

The Government has decided to re-introduce proposals to deal with Communist agents from abroad.

MADAME SUN YAT-SEN.

REPORTED TO BE RETURNING TO PEKING.

Shanghai, Jan. 28. It is reported that Madame Sun Yat-sen arrived at Changchun on the 26th en route to Peking.

TRAFFIC OFFENDERS.

EUROPEAN MOTORISTS IN CASES AT KOWLOON COURT.

Mr. F. W. Wood was summoned before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for speeding along Nathan Road on January 13, and, on a conviction being registered, was fined \$10.

In answer to an allegation that he had driven his car at a speed of 44 miles an hour along Nathan Road, the defendant admitted exceeding the speed limit but denied that he was travelling as fast as suggested by the prosecution. He said that his speed was about 30 miles an hour. He did not think his car could go as fast as 40, as it was an old vehicle.

His Worship remarked that it was an extraordinary thing that nobody's car could do more than 40 miles an hour when the drivers were in court.

Sergeant Scrim said that he saw the defendant's car in Nathan Road, near Jordan Road at 12.28 a.m. on January 13 and paced it to the Star Ferry. The speedometer on the Police machine registered 44 miles per hour.

In reply to his Worship, witness said that the last ferry to Hongkong was at 12.30 a.m. Near Humphreys Buildings there were some rickshaws on the road.

His Worship registered a conviction and imposed a fine of \$10, later informing the defendant that it was because of the lateness of the hour that the fine was not more.

An Old Question.

A summons for failing to keep to the left side of Salisbury Road was brought against Capt. F. G. le Gros, R. A., the defendant being alleged to have gone via the bus route at the Ferry.

Capt. le Gros admitted the offence and said that he had gone that way to avoid the ferry traffic as he was taking his car to the stand at the Kowloon Godowns.

His Worship remarked that it was the same old question. He recalled that five years ago he refused to convict because the Police would not affix a sign at the junction notifying motorists which way to proceed.

The defendant intimated that there was still no signboard.

His Worship: I know.

His Worship remarked that he wanted it explained how and why the defendant should have known that he could not use the road reserved for buses.

Sub-Inspector McWalter submitted that it was a well-known fact and that the defendant had driven at the Ferry Wharf before. There was not, however, any written regulation to that effect.

His Worship said that he would inflict a caution and pointed out that there should be a notice informing motorists that the middle road at the ferry was for buses only.

Bus Driver Fined.

Mr. C. H. Dodson appeared before his Worship as the complainant against the driver of a bus who was alleged to have driven his vehicle in a manner dangerous to the public by swerving to overtake another bus without giving any signal to traffic at the rear.

The defendant maintained that he had signalled but the complainant stated in evidence that he did not see the signal. The complainant, in reply to his Worship, said that he himself did not sound his horn notifying the bus driver of his intention to pass as it was not necessary.

His Worship, after being told by Sub-Inspector McWalter that he always signalled when passing a vehicle, informed the complainant that his ideas about signalling on passing vehicles needed revising.

The defendant was fined \$10.

Richa Coolies Abscond.

During the hearing of richa summonses it was stated by the farmer in three instances that the defendants had absconded. The charges were withdrawn, his Worship informing the farmer that the offenders' licences would be cancelled by the Police.

NAVAL DILEMMA.

ADMIRALS WITHDRAW THEIR RESIGNATIONS.

Shanghai, Jan. 28. Chinese newspapers state that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has prevailed upon Admirals Chan Shao-kwan and Chen Kwel-lung to withdraw their resignations.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

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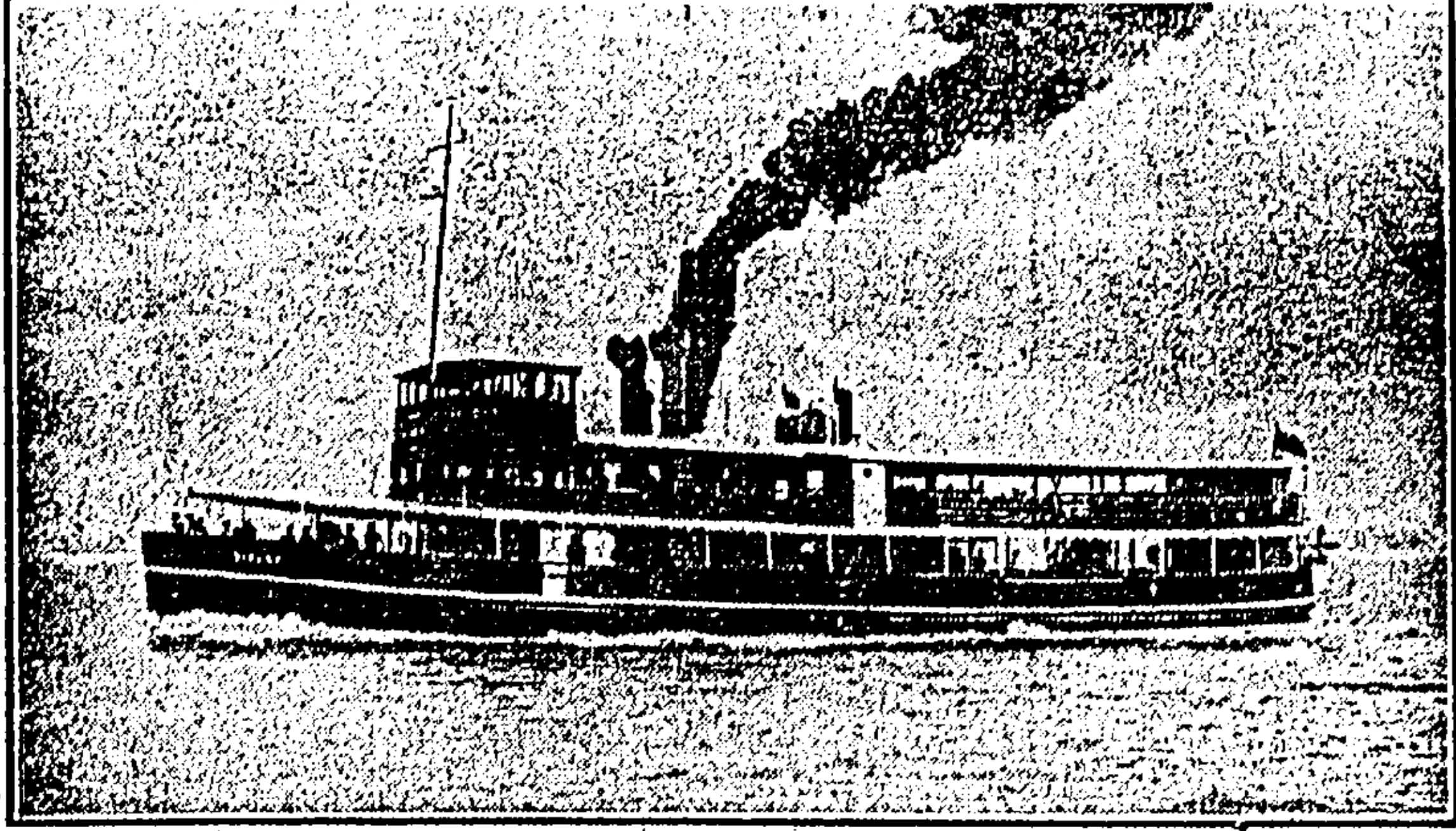
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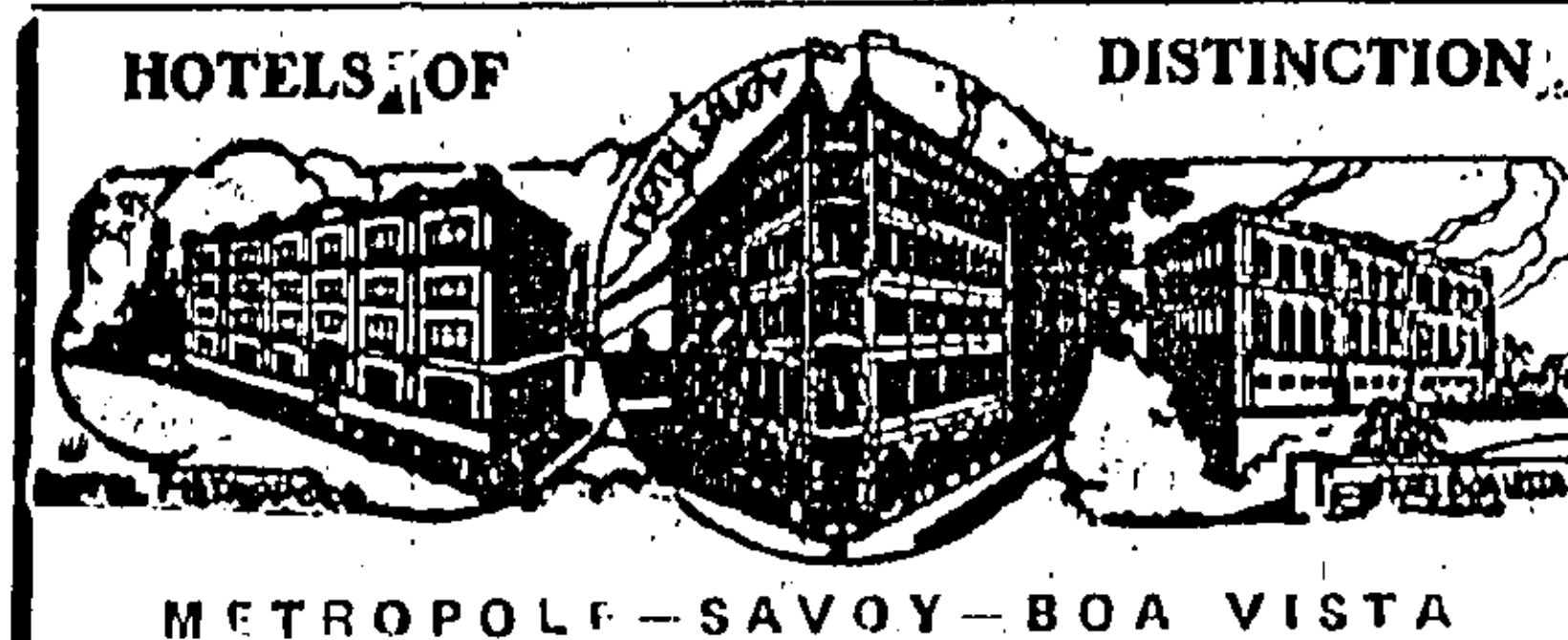
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CHINESE LEAGUE OUTBURST.

VIGOROUS REPUDIATION BY
VISCOUNT SATO.

AN ABSURD ATTITUDE.

Geneva, Jan. 28.
The recent outburst by Mr. Wong King-ki and the objections raised to his political references, was the subject of further discussion to-day at a sitting of the Opium Commission of the League of Nations.

The matter was brought up by Viscount Sato (Japan) who asked the Commission to insert in the agenda, a protest against the statement of Wang King-ki, who accused Japan and Europe of poisoning the Chinese people.

Viscount Sato vigorously denied the allegation voiced by the Chinese delegate to the effect that Japanese troops had protected a criminal traffic in drugs during the Shantung Expedition.

Regarding the assertion that the presence of Japanese troops in Shantung violated the League Covenant, Viscount Sato said it was absurd to raise a political question of that nature, which the Opium Commission was not competent to discuss.

He also expressed gratification at the Committee's refusal to discuss the matter.

Wang King-ki intends to reply to Viscount Sato. He asked to be treated as equal with other delegates.—*Reuter.*

SALVATION ARMY'S NEW KNIGHT.

COMMISSIONER DE GROOT
HONOURED.

London, Jan. 28.
Commissioner Jahanda de Groot, the head of the Salvation Army in South Africa, and a member of the High Council that has been dealing with the problem of the future leadership of the Army, has been informed by cable that the Queen of Holland has been pleased to confer a knighthood on him.

The honour is the Knighthood of Orange and Nassau, which is the highest order of knighthood in Holland.

Sir Jahanda de Groot has completed 40 years in the Salvation Army, having served in Europe, Java and Japan as well as South Africa.—*Reuter.*

"TOTE" ON BRITISH RACECOURSES.

GOVERNMENT NOT TO ASSIST.

London, Jan. 28.
In the House of Commons at question-time, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, said that the Government had no intention of advancing money for the installation of totalisators on race-courses.

It was announced a few days ago that totalisators will be functioning at a number of race-courses by the beginning of May, and later the system will be extended throughout the country.—*Reuter.*

POSSIBLE AMERICAN DEFICIT.

PRESIDENT URGES NEED OF ECONOMY.

Washington, Jan. 28.
With the National Government facing a possible deficit on the Budget for the current financial year, President Coolidge has issued a warning urging that rigid economy in Federal expenditure must be continued.

He adds that the rapidly mounting cost of the State and local Governments must be sharply curtailed if national prosperity is to be maintained.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT ON PACIFIC.

Washington, Jan. 28.
Mr. Wilbur, Secretary to the Navy, has recommended to Congress the establishment of a naval airship base on the Pacific coast. He estimates the cost at five million dollars.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RAIN OR MIST.

The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds; moderate; overcast; light rain or mist.

FIFTH ROUND OF F. A. CUP.

SIX LONDON TEAMS STILL INTERESTED.

CHELSEA AND POMPEY.

London, Jan. 28.
The draw for the Fifth Round of the Football Association Cup Competition was made to-day, and resulted as follows:

Reading v. Aston Villa or Clapton O.
Huddersfield v. Millwall or Crystal Palace.

Burnley or Swindon v. The Arsenal.
West Brom A. v. Bradford.
Leicester v. Liverpool or Bolton.

Blackburn or Derby v. Bury.
Bournemouth v. West Ham U.
Cheltenham v. Portsmouth.

Matches to be played on February 16th.—*Reuter.*

Until the five replays necessary have settled the question of what teams will definitely appear among the last sixteen, the luck of the draw is difficult to assess.

It is notable, however, that of Reading, Huddersfield, West Bromwich Albion, Leicester, Bournemouth and Chelsea, the teams certain to be at home, only Reading and Chelsea have had the good fortune to be drawn at home in all three rounds, while incidentally it happens to be the first away venture of The Arsenal, West Ham and Portsmouth.

It is rather remarkable that London still has six clubs interested in the Cup, though of the twenty-one clubs listed above, only ten are from the South.

Presuming the replays result in accordance with expectation, it seems that of the clubs likely to survive the next round, four will be from the South and four from the North.

SEQUEL TO TUG DISASTER.

CREW CHARGED WITH MURDER OF BRITISH OFFICER.

RANGOON SENSATION.

A sensational sequel to the foundering of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company's tug Ngatheln, whilst on her way from Moulmein to Rangoon last month, is contained in news from Rangoon to the effect that fourteen members of the crew, all Asiatics, have been charged with the murder of Captain W. T. Pennington, the Chief Officer; and Mr. R. Phillips, the Engineer, who lost their lives in the disaster.

It will be recalled that during a gale in the Gulf of Martaban, the tug foundered, having apparently been carried on to a submerged rock.

A feature of the disaster was that all the members of the crew were saved, whilst the only two Europeans aboard were drowned. At the time it was stated that when the tug began to take water the Europeans ordered a boat to be lowered, and that when this was done the crew got into it and left the Europeans on board the sinking craft.

Apparently, further information has since been disclosed implicating the members of the crew, all of whom have been arrested and charged with murder. They were formally remanded, bail being refused.

ICE-SKATING RACE IN ENGLAND.

MANY SPECTATORS GET A COLD DUCKING.

London, Jan. 28.
At Swavesey Fen in Cambridgeshire to-day, the British amateur ice-skating championship over a course of one and a half miles, resulted in a victory for the holder, C. Horn, who completed the course in 5 mins. 43 seconds.

G. Martin (6 mins. 1 second) took second place, and J. Beba (6 mins. 15 seconds) was third. Twenty-two competed.

A rapid thaw set in during the race which was decided in water-covered ice, which later began to break underfoot.

The spectators stampeded, but many were immersed in the water, to be rescued almost immediately.—*Reuter.*

ANOTHER HITCH OVER SHANTUNG?

Nanking, Jan. 28.
In well-informed circles, it is said that the Wang-Yoshizawa negotiations have reached a deadlock, consequent upon Chinese insistence on the evacuation of Japanese troops from Shantung. It is understood that the Japanese Minister, Mr. Yoshizawa, will leave for Shanghai to-morrow.

KOWEIT OUTLOOK DARKENS.

BRITISH NAVAL SLOOPS ON THE MOVE.

NEW WAHABI THREAT.

London, Jan. 28.
Desert warfare is again surging towards Koweit, at the head of the Persian Gulf, the Sultan of which is subsidised by Britain.

This circumstance resulted in Mr. L. M. S. Amery, the Colonial Secretary, being bombarded by questioners in the House of Commons to-day.

Replying, Mr. Amery said:—"We certainly shall not allow the territory of Koweit to become the object of incursions by any foreign Power."

A message from Basra states that three British naval sloops are reported to be proceeding to Koweit, whilst armoured cars, manned by men of the Royal Air Force, are standing by to repel the Wahabis who are concentrating sixty miles south-west of Basra.—*Reuter.*

Asked in the House of Commons to-day about the present state of affairs on the frontier between Iraq and Nejd, Mr. Amery, Colonial Secretary, said there had been five raids by native tribesmen, but none had been of a serious character.

The recent incident in which an American missionary was killed was not in Iraq, but further south. He expressed deep regret at the loss of such a valuable life and his sympathy with the friends and relatives of the murdered man.—*British Wireless.*

[The incident referred to was one in which the Rev. Henry Bilkert, of the American Mission at Basra, was killed by Wahabi raiders. Mr. Charles Crane, former U.S. Ambassador to China, was in the party which was ambushed, but he escaped without injury.]

AMERICA'S IMMENSE WEALTH.

STRIKING FIGURES BY THE COMMERCE DEPT.

Washington, Jan. 28.
After an extensive survey of the economical situation of the United States, the report of the Department of Commerce, indicates that the wealth of the United States has increased over sevenfold in the past fifty years.

It is also revealed that while the number of wage-earners has increased threefold, the population is more than doubled.

Since 1880, it is stated, individual deposits in the banks have increased nearly twenty-four times, and at the end of 1927, deposits amounted to the stupendous total of \$3320,000,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BRITAIN'S AFRICAN DEPENDENCIES.

PROPOSALS FOR CLOSER UNION STUDIED.

London, Jan. 28.
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. L. M. S. Amery stated that the Governors of Tanganyika and Kenya had arrived in this country and he was at present discussing with them the report of the Hilton Young Commission on the closer union of the Dependencies in East and Central Africa.

These discussions were preliminary and confidential, but he hoped shortly to be in a position to announce what procedure it was proposed to adopt in arriving at a decision.—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH POSTAL PROFITS.

BIGGEST SURPLUS FOR 16 YEARS.

London, Jan. 28.
The accounts of the Post Office for the last financial year, including the postal telegraph and telephone services, show a surplus of just over £7,500,000, which is the highest for any year since 1912.

They show an increase on the preceding year of £1,250,000.—*British Wireless.*

No fewer than 78 cases of small-pox were notified last week according to the return issued this morning. Of these, 51 were from Kowloon, 24 from Victoria, two from the New Territories, two from the New Territories. Two of the cases were British (imported) and the rest Chinese. There were 77 deaths from the disease. Eleven further Chinese cases were notified yesterday, of which seven were from Victoria and four from Kowloon. The total number of cases since the outbreak started is now well over 700.

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